Bomb threats, suspicious objects, and bombs are meant to disrupt normal activities and cause fear in populations. With pre-planning, you can remain calm and be knowledgeable of what to do in order to be part of an effective response.

**Bomb Threats**

Bomb threats can arrive in various manners. You could receive a phone call at your desk, open a letter or package and find a threatening document, receive an email, or have a verbal threat given to you.

There are two reasons a bomb threat is made:
- The caller has knowledge of the device and wants to minimize injury or property damage.
- The caller wants to create a general alarm or panic, which will disrupt normal activities.

As the receiver of a bomb threat, you will not know the sender’s intent, so treat every threat as if it were real.

**What To Do If You Receive a Threat**

1. Remain calm and alert others nearby that you need assistance.
2. If you receive a letter or email, save all materials received and call OSU Public Safety at (541-737-3010).
3. If you receive a threatening phone call, DO NOT HANG UP:
   - Keep the caller on the phone as long as possible.
   - Get detailed information from the caller using the Bomb Threat Checklist.
   - Write down the number.
   - Call OSU Public Safety at (541-737-3010).
4. Do not hang up until the dispatcher releases you from the conversation or if you feel threatened to remain on the phone.

**Suspicious Objects**

A suspicious item is defined as any item (e.g., package, vehicle) identified as potentially containing explosives, an IED, or other hazardous material that requires bomb technician diagnostic skills and specialized equipment for further evaluation.

Suspicious indicators are based upon the prevailing and/or communicated threat, placement and proximity of the item to people and valuable assets, and more tangible aspects to include, but not limited to; unexplainable wires or electronics, other visible bomb-like components, unusual sounds, vapors, mists, or odors.

**What To Do If You Find a Suspicious Object**

1. Do not touch or tamper with the object.
2. Evacuate the immediate area:
   - Look for other objects as you depart.
   - Look around evacuation area for other suspicious objects.
   - Evacuate others in the vicinity.
3. Do not use cellular or radio communication within 100 feet of the device.
4. Call OSU Public Safety (541-737-3010) to report the suspicious object.
5. DO NOT take or move object to the police. Call the police to come to you!
6. Be prepared to move farther away, if so directed by law enforcement.

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