

Bombs . . .

Bombs can be constructed to look like almost anything and can be placed or delivered in any number of ways. The probability of finding a bomb that looks like the stereotypical bomb is almost nonexistent. The only common denominator that exists among bombs is that they are designed or intended to explode.

Most bombs are homemade and are limited in their design only by the imagination of, and resources available to, the bomber. Remember when searching for a bomb, suspect anything that looks unusual.

Mail Bombs

A potential method of deploying a bomb is through the mail. Staff should be trained on what to look for. If you have received bomb threats, you should be particularly attentive to this potential.

Potential mail bomb indicators:

- ✓ Addresses or labels improper
- ✓ Leaks, stains, protruding wires, string or tape, packages wrapped in string
- ✓ Excess postage
- ✓ No postage or non-canceled postage
- ✓ Generic or incorrect titles
- ✓ No or nonsensical return address
- ✓ Handwritten notes such as confidential, prize enclosed, private etc. . .
- ✓ Any letters or packages arriving before or after a phone call from an unknown person asking if the item was received.
- ✓ Most bombers set up and deliver the bomb themselves (source: BATF)

When a suspicious package is found or received . . .

- !! DO NOT move or handle the package
- !! DIAL 9-1-1 (away from the package)
- !! EVACUATE the building or area
- !! DO NOT use mobile phones, 2-way pagers/devices or radios near the package.

Your best approach . . .

Plan before your facility receives a threat or finds a suspicious package. Your police department and/or municipal emergency management office can be a valuable resource in your safety planning for bombs and other hazards.

The Bergen County Police Department has an accredited bomb squad with trained bomb technicians, explosive detecting canines and equipment. The County Police Bomb Squad is available ONLY through your police department.



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