



PLASTIC SURGEONS: SUSPICIOUS REQUESTS TO CHANGE APPEARANCE

BusinessSafe is based on the idea that certain businesses and industries may be exploited by terrorists who portray themselves as honest customers seeking to purchase, lease or somehow appropriate certain materials, licenses and/or services to covertly further a terrorist plot.

The following are general indicators of potential terrorist planning or activities. Alone, each indicator can result from legitimate recreational or commercial activities or criminal activity not related to terrorism; however, multiple indicators combined with other information may possibly suggest a terrorist threat.

- Physical surveillance, which may include note taking or the use of binoculars, cameras or maps near key facilities.
- Attempts to gain sensitive information regarding key facilities or personnel through personal contact or by telephone, mail or e-mail.
- Attempts to penetrate or test physical security and response procedures at key facilities.
- Attempts to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, flight manuals or other materials which could be used in a terrorist attack.
- Suspicious or improper attempts to acquire official vehicles, uniforms, badges, access cards or identification for key facilities.
- Presence of individuals who do not appear to belong in the workplace, business establishment or near a key facility.
- Behavior which appears to denote planning for terrorist activity, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios, monitoring key facilities and timing traffic flow or signals.
- Stockpiling suspicious materials or abandoning potential containers for explosives (e.g., vehicles or suitcases).

The following examples of activity relating to Plastic Surgeons, though not fully inclusive, may be of **possible** concern to law enforcement:

- A request for immediate, significant cosmetic surgery by a previously unknown individual. A request to eliminate any of the standard pre-op visits or preparations.
- A request by an unknown individual seeking to alter his or her appearance, while not stating a specific, valid reason for such surgery.
- A prospective patient's stated reason for undergoing cosmetic surgery does not match the usual motivation for such medical procedures.
- An offer by a prospective patient to pay immediate cash for plastic surgery procedures.
- A desire on the part of a prospective patient to withhold his true identity from you. Any reason to believe that the identity given to you by a patient or client is fictitious.

- Approach by an unknown, third party inquiring about cosmetic surgery for another person.
- Any unusual request to have someone else present during the surgical procedure.
- A prospective patient's use of evasive responses, not typical of the normal doctor-patient relationship.
- Unusual concern over confidentiality that exceeds the normal doctor-patient privileged communication.
- A patient or client suddenly and inexplicably cancels the cosmetic surgery or does not appear for the standard, post-op follow-up visits under your care.
- An unusual lack of concern or disregard by a patient or client as to the possible negative consequences of the cosmetic surgery.

Your impressions and assessment based upon your professional business experience are extremely valuable and should help guide you in determining if a customer request, a fact pattern, or set of circumstances is unusual.

Please remember that the conduct of an individual will not necessarily be criminal in nature. Suspicious incidents should be reported immediately to your local law enforcement agency, Crime Stoppers, or your regional FDLE office. You may also email a tip regarding a suspicious incident utilizing the link on the [BusinessSafe homepage](#).

For all emergencies, call "911."