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## Security at General Aviation Aerodromes

How vigilance can assist in defeating  
terrorism and criminality.

Aviation within the UK has a number of agencies involved in its security. Only with the assistance of those working within it and the travelling public, can we continue to maintain the security of the industry as well as deterring and detecting crime such as illegal immigration and smuggling.

**If you notice anything unusual, report it to the police.**

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Staff and anyone else such as owners, pilots, passengers, aviation enthusiasts etc who use the aerodrome regularly should be vigilant for:

- **Unknown persons or unauthorised activity within the airfield.**

Always challenge and check the validity of all persons on the airfield. Ensure any passes are valid and displayed.

- **Reconnaissance of the airfield by unknown persons.**

Reconnaissance can be used to provide terrorists with the detailed knowledge of an airfield's operation. Its layout, security regime and details of regular movement, may assist in the planning of an attack. Any suspicious person taking photographs, or notes, or acting unusually, should be notified to the police.

- **Suspicious persons attempting to hire aircraft.**

Thoroughly check the documents of unknown persons attempting to hire aircraft or seeking permission to use your airstrip.

- **Suspicious persons applying for flying lessons.**

Always contact the police if a candidate for flying lessons raises your suspicions. Is their request unusual? What is their motive for applying? Do they wish to pay in cash? Do they only wish to undertake part of the course. Have they undertaken some training before? Is your airfield the closest to their address. Is there undue urgency in their request?

- **Personnel Security**

Ensure all employees working in sensitive areas have undergone a vetting process. Are all subcontractors wearing identification?

## **What can I do?**

You know what is normal within your environment. If you notice anything unusual, report it to the police.

Do not touch any suspicious packages.

Make a note of any vehicle registration numbers, colours and makes and a description of those involved in any suspicious activity.

Ensure your CCTV system is recording clearly and maintained.

Note the time, so that CCTV evidence may be recovered.

**All intelligence passed to the police will be treated in the strictest confidence.**

## **Contact**

If you believe the matter to be urgent: Dial 999

Otherwise all information can be passed to one of the following:

- Local Police Special Branch Ports Unit:
- Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789321
- Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

## **Remember**

Your continued vigilance is essential in preventing terrorism and the deterrence of crime.