



Maryland Water Watch Outreach Program

“See Something,
Say Something”

Maryland Natural Resource Police

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- The US Department of Homeland Security has developed a grant program to help states train civilians to assist in maritime security.
- This program is a partnership between the Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) and the numerous port partners all working together to increase our awareness of activities that could be a threat to our safety and national security.

The “See Something, Say Something” campaign encourages the public and private sector to become aware and REPORT suspicious activity.

As boaters, we can keep our eyes open to some specific activities, especially on the Chesapeake Bay

What Can You Do?

- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the community safe. The more aware people are, using their eyes and ears, the safer we will all be.



- As a coastal state, Maryland has direct access to international waters. There are over 7,000 miles of coastline.

Waterfront Critical Infrastructures

- The Potomac River is navigable within blocks of the Capitol Building and other high profile (Iconic) locations in Washington, DC.



Waterfront Critical Infrastructures include the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and the LNG Off Shore Marine Terminal



Waterfront Critical Infrastructures

Chesapeake Bay Bridge



Why you can make a difference

2010 Time Square Bombing Attempt



**Faisal Shahzad's
1993 Nissan
Pathfinder SUV
Vehicle**

Numerous people noticed a smoking vehicle and called police. Their actions undoubtedly saved lives.

What To Do If You Spot Suspicious Activity

- **Write down the information:** This will help you remember the details.
 - **Stick with the facts:** Hunches or gut feelings that someone is suspicious do not provide the facts.
- **DO NOT** approach any boat, car or truck behaving in a suspicious manner

What To Do If You Spot Suspicious Activity

Take notes of the following details:

- **S – Size** (Jot down the number of people, gender, ages, and physical descriptions)
- **A - Activity** (Describe exactly what they are doing)
- **L - Location** (Provide exact location)
- **U – Uniform** (Describe what they are wearing, including shoes)
- **T – Time** (Provide date, time, and duration of activity)
- **E - Equipment** (Describe vehicle, make, color etc., license plate, camera, guns, etc)

What To Do If You Spot Suspicious Activity

- **DO NOT** make your observations known to the suspicious boat.
- **DO NOT** attempt to make contact with a suspicious boat or person.
- **DO NOT** attempt to take control of the situation

Your suspicions will need to be based on:

- Experience
- Judgment
- Common Sense



Be aware of the following suspicious behaviors:

- Boats operating at night without running lights.
- Person(s) returning repeatedly to non-traditional locations such as a spot near a bridge, or landmark.
- Diving activity occurring at unusual times of the day and season.



The following should cause a heightened sense of suspicion:

- Drawing of diagrams
- Annotating maps
- Using binoculars or night vision devices, especially when focused on maritime critical infrastructure during times that appear unusual.



Be aware of the following suspicious behaviors:

- Asking unusual questions about marine activities, security or major facilities.
- Boats riding excessively low in the water which could be carrying unknown cargo (people, ammunitions, etc.)
- Boats with no registration numbers or name displayed.
- Things that just don't belong.



Be aware of the following suspicious behaviors:

- Boats loitering under bridges or by locks or dams
- Diving operations near any critical infrastructure



Additional Information Can Be Found



Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) website
www.dnr.state.md.us/nrp/



The United States Coast Guard's "America's Waterway Watch Program" website
<http://www.americaswaterwaywatch.org/>



The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center's website
<http://www.mcac-md.gov/>



The Governor's Office of Homeland Security at
<http://www.gohs.maryland.gov/>

TO REPORT A SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in and around Maryland's Waterways:

Contact the

Maryland Natural Resources Police

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1-800-628-9944

**** The Police Communications' operator will ask for your information in case additional questions or clarification is required.