

Espionage

Reporting Potential Indicators

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You are the first line of defense against espionage. The government relies on you to protect national security by reporting behavior that may relate to the unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

If you become aware of any of the behaviors or activities listed in this brochure, you should report them immediately to the DHS Office of Security.

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RECRUITMENT

recruitment

Foreign intelligence entities look out for people who can be solicited to commit espionage against the United States. At the same time, willing would-be spies often approach foreign intelligence operatives on their own initiative, thus volunteering for recruitment. While the recruitment relationship usually involves contacts with foreigners, an American already committed to spying against the United States may approach you or a colleague on the job for information or recruitment into espionage.

Reportable Behaviors

- A colleague has contact with an individual who is known to be, or suspected of being, associated with a foreign intelligence or security service or a terrorist organization.
- A colleague has not reported an offer of financial assistance by a foreign national.
- A colleague has failed to report a request for classified or unclassified information outside official channels by a foreign national or anyone without authorization.
- A colleague asks you to obtain classified information to which he does not have authorized access.
- A colleague is operating unauthorized cameras or recording devices in areas where classified information is processed.
- A colleague has been keeping classified material at home or any other unauthorized place.



INFORMATION TRANSMITTAL

information transmittal

In the past, transmittal of classified or sensitive information to a foreign intelligence agent involved stealing documents and physically handing them over, photocopying papers, smuggling materials out in briefcases, and even illicitly taking photographs in the workplace. Nowadays, there are many more opportunities to transmit information. With e-mail, faxes, and other technological capabilities, it is possible to transmit large quantities of information without being immediately caught. Employees must be aware of this and, if an illicit transmission is detected, report it immediately to the DHS Office of Security.

Reportable Behaviors

- You see someone removing classified material from the work area without appropriate authorization.
- You observe someone improperly removing the classification markings from documents.
- You become aware that someone with TS/SCI or another reporting requirement has attempted to conceal work-related foreign travel or personal foreign travel.

Other Suspicious Behaviors

Listed below are additional behaviors that are traditionally considered behaviors that may be connected to potential espionage. These behaviors are not clear-cut violations. They are included here with the caveat that they require a judgment call before reporting. If you are at all uncertain, it is better to report the behavior than to make no report at all.

- Attempts to expand access to classified information by repeatedly volunteering for assignments or duties beyond the normal scope of responsibilities.
- Extensive use of copy, facsimile, or computer equipment to reproduce or transmit classified material that may exceed job requirements.
- Repeated or un-required work outside of normal duty hours, especially unaccompanied.
- Unexplained affluence, including sudden purchases of high value items (e.g., real estate, stocks, vehicles, or vacations) where no logical income source exists.

