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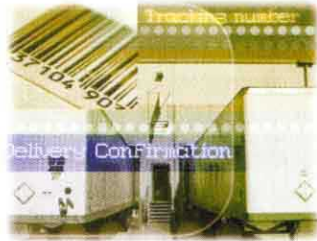
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Association of American Plant Food Control Officials

Agricultural Retailers Association

...for America

Since the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City, the fertilizer industry has been concerned about the criminal misuse of its products.



As representatives of that industry, we believe we can play a role in preventing such abuse in the future. That's why we joined forces with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to develop an awareness program to help protect our products from falling into the hands of the wrong people.

The "Be Aware for America" campaign, launched in 1997, focused on making distributors aware of the need to protect their product; know their customer; and make the right call to 1-800-800-3855 to report suspicious behavior.



We again join with ATF to make our places of business secure sites for the storage and distribution of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and agricultural chemicals.

Evaluate your facility security and reduce your vulnerability to theft by assessing your:

□ Perimeter Security

Inspect your security (i.e. fencing/access gates) frequently to determine if they are in need of repair or if the fencing has been compromised as a result of forcible entry. Take appropriate action.

□ Locks

Limit the access to your storage areas and know who has the keys. Ensure locks are tamper-resistant and are in working condition. Case hardened locks and chains are recommended.

□ Electrical Systems

Ensure that security lighting and emergency security systems are in working condition.

□ Emergency Response

Make sure fire department and local law enforcement agencies are familiar with your operation so that they can respond more effectively in the event of a fire.

□ Emergency Contacts

At your facility entrance, post names and phone numbers of emergency contact personnel so that the information will be readily accessible in the event of an emergency or to report suspicious activities.

□ Inventory

Periodically inventory the quantity of product you have on hand in order to recognize more quickly if a theft has occurred.

□ Containers

Secure your rail, truck, and barge containers with cable seal locks when stored at your location.

**MAKE THE RIGHT CALL WHEN
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OCCURS**

Call 1-800-800-3855

Be Aware and Be Secure for America



BE SECURE ... BUT CONTINUE TO BE AWARE ...

(tear off this checklist and keep it near your register and phone)

Look for these signs that something may be amiss:

- **Stranger**
Unfamiliar to area or to you.
- **Doesn't know much about farming/fertilizer**
Doesn't answer questions about acreage, crops, soil composition, etc. in a specific, knowledgeable way.
- **Insistent about ammonium nitrate**
Will not consider other products you recommend. Is only interested in ammonium nitrate.
- **Doesn't want product delivered**
Insists on taking product now. Asks for it in bags, not bulk.
- **Hesitates/hedges when asked for information**
Name, address, signature, photo ID, etc.
- **Acts nervous**
Avoids eye contact. Seems jittery, uneasy, vague.
- **Pays in cash**
Won't write a check or use credit. Has no credit account with your or other ag businesses in the area.

If someone seems out of place, jot down some notes on a piece of paper:

- *Note their physical appearance*
- *Note the make, model, and color of their vehicle*
- *Note the license plate number*
- *Save any paper on which they may have written a name or address; minimize handling to help preserve it for fingerprints.*

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

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