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SEVEN SIGNS OF TERRORISM RELATE TO SCHOOL SECURITY

The protective security advisor for the Department of Homeland Security has indicated the similarities between the gunmen at Columbine and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) to pre-operational techniques used by terrorists.

Studies show that people who have reported suspicious activity to law enforcement agencies have prevented 25 school shootings in the last year. According to the seven signs of terrorism, potential terrorists:

- √ conduct surveillance,
- √ elicit information,
- √ test security,
- √ acquire supplies,
- √ look out of place,
- √ conduct a test run
- √ get everything into position.

People who familiarize themselves with the seven signs of terrorism should report all suspicious behavior to law enforcement and should not be discouraged if the information turns out to be not detrimental.

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