

TOPSIS SPOTTING POTENTIAL TERROR THREATS



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The Threat-Oriented Person Screening Integrated System, or TOPSIS, is a security enhancement programme where high-risk persons are identified and subjected to enhanced checks. Introduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs and managed by the Singapore Police Force (SPF), it helps identify potential threats by observing anything abnormal, irregular, strange and unusual about a subject. You may adopt TOPSIS in your workplace for greater vigilance against terrorism and crime.

PREPARATIONS



Employ trained security personnel, effectively use your surveillance technology, and sensitize non-security staff to recognise Tell-Tale Indicators (TTIs) of potential terror threats. This increases the “eyes and ears” on the ground, creating multiple layers of TTI detection capabilities, which help to detect, deter and mitigate against terror threats.

STAYING VIGILANT



Train your staff to recognise physical TTIs. For instance, **out-of-place clothing such as excessive layers on a warm day** that can be used to conceal dangerous objects, **bulky baggage** with irregular equipment, or **unusual chemical odours** such as fuel and cleaning solvents.

Behavioural TTIs can also help you determine if a person could be a potential threat. Some examples include **avoiding eye contact**, **trembling**, **prolonged loitering in the vicinity**, as well as **overprotectiveness over their belongings by clutching them tightly and constantly**.

REPORT AND RESOLVE






Ensure there are protocols and appropriate channels for non-security staff to report suspicious individuals and activities to security personnel discreetly and efficiently. You can also train your staff to engage and speak to suspicious individuals safely and seek clarity on their intentions to resolve suspicion.

Additionally, you should remind your staff to take the necessary steps in reporting suspicious activities. Share with them a cue card or a downloadable file that they can refer to discreetly in times of crisis. It should contain contact information they may reach out to, and a checklist of relevant information to relay to security personnel.

Click [here](#) to read more on how a terrorist network was crippled through surveillance and vigilance. For more information on implementing TOPSIS within your workforce, you may contact the Centre for Protective Security.

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