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Security at General Aviation Aerodromes and Flying Clubs

How vigilance can assist in defeating
terrorism and crime.

The 'General Aviation' sector is extremely diverse. It involves aircraft such as balloons and airships, gliders, micro-lights, helicopters, light aircraft and business jets. Their activities cover anything from agricultural use, aerial surveys, delivery of goods, corporate flights and leisure. The aerodromes that support these activities vary from individual landing strips or helipads to regional airports.

If you notice anything unusual, report it to the police.

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All persons connected with general aviation and flying clubs should be vigilant for:

- **Unknown persons or unauthorised activity within the airfield.**

Always challenge and check the validity of all persons on or around the airfield.

Ensure any passes are valid and displayed.

- **Reconnaissance of the airfield by unknown persons.**

Reconnaissance can be used to provide terrorists or criminals with the detailed knowledge of an airfield's operation. Its layout, security regime and details of regular movement may assist in the planning of an attack or other criminal activity. Any suspicious person taking photographs, or making notes, or acting unusually should be notified to the police.

- **Suspicious persons attempting to hire aircraft or equipment.**

Thoroughly check the documents and obtain as much detail as possible of unknown persons attempting to hire aircraft or equipment or seeking permission to use your airstrip.

- **Suspicious persons applying for, or enquiring about flying lessons or training.**

Always contact the police if a candidate for flying lessons or training raises your suspicions. Consider the following questions:

- Is their request unusual?
- What is their motive for applying?
- Do they wish to pay in cash?
- Is there undue urgency in their request?
- Have they undertaken training before?
- Is your airfield the closest to their address?
- Do they wish to undertake only part of the course?

- **Suspicious persons procuring equipment or equipment with unusual specifications.**

Always contact the police if a person procuring equipment raises your suspicions, or if the specification of equipment being procured appears out of the ordinary.

- **Personnel Security**

Ensure all employees working in sensitive areas have undergone a vetting process. All members of staff should wear a security pass including subcontractors. Encourage staff to challenge persons not wearing a security pass.

What can I do?

You know what is normal in your environment. If you notice anything unusual, report it to the police.

Do not touch suspicious packages.

Make a note of any vehicle registration numbers as well as the colour and make of the vehicle. Ensure a detailed description of those involved in any suspicious activity is recorded.

Is your CCTV system regularly maintained and does it record images clearly?

Do you have a system for storing CCTV footage?

Note the time and date of the event so that CCTV evidence may be recovered.

All information passed to the police will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Contact

If you believe the matter to be **urgent: Dial 999**

Otherwise all information can be passed to one of the following:

- **Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline: 0800 789 321**
- **Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111**

Your continued vigilance is essential in preventing terrorism and crime.