

# SIGNS OF NARCOTICS ACTIVITY IN HOTELS/MOTELS

Guests who engage in the following activities **may** or **may not** be involved in narcotic activity. It is recommended that you take no action other than to observe and report information to your local law enforcement agency. They will evaluate the information and take the appropriate enforcement action.

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	<b>BEHAVIOR</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guests visiting from other cities such as Miami, Orlando, New York, San Diego, etc. These cities are ports of entry for drugs.</li> <li>2. Guests visiting from countries such as Columbia, El Salvador, Mexico, Venezuela, etc., which are countries where illicit drugs are produced.</li> <li>3. Guests checking in a room alone or with one other person. They usually do not care about room rates. When paying, they will usually display large amounts of cash.</li> <li>4. Guests staying up to 1-1/2 weeks, having little or no luggage upon check in. Later, they may purchase luggage, clothing, souvenirs, etc.</li> <li>5. Guests checking in without reservations and extending their stay on a day-by-day basis, or checking out prematurely.</li> <li>6. Guests may be evasive about the length of their stay, using fictitious names and identification upon registering.</li> <li>7. Several persons checking into different rooms, different floors, and later joining each other in one room. Excessive calls between rooms.</li> <li>8. Shortly after check in, guests begins making phone calls from lobby phone.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guests displaying large amount of U.S. currency and paying cash for their lodging, meals and expenses.</li> <li>2. Guests frequently having late visitors, usually but not always of similar appearance. Visitors will frequently rent a room and maintain phone communications with the original guest.</li> <li>3. Guests having numerous incoming and outgoing telephone calls, including calls to Florida (305), Columbia, New York (212 and 718), etc.</li> <li>4. Guests exhibiting unusual behavior such as staying in their room and not going out, even for meals.</li> <li>5. Guests refusing maid service or using the "Do Not Disturb" sign extensively.</li> <li>6. Foot traffic at late and/or unusual hours, not consistent with normal guest patterns. Frequent visitors who stay for brief periods of time. Guests sleeping in late and staying out late.</li> <li>7. Guests order large quantities of 151 proof rum.</li> <li>8. Guests frequently have or request large quantities of quarters for telephone calls.</li> <li>9. Guests using hotel safe deposit boxes, and securing possessions in a secretive manner.</li> </ol>
<b>APPEARANCE</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guests, male and female alike. Females are used as couriers and to guard drugs until dealers arrive.</li> <li>2. Guests may smell of burned marijuana, have watery eyes, and pinpoint pupils. Their actions may be carefree. When not high, they usually act very paranoid.</li> <li>3. Guests who are "seedy" in appearance, who wear expensive jewelry and clothing, such as designer jeans and expensive suits.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Narcotic paraphernalia found in room; plastic baggies, scales, rubber bands, money wrappers, empty luggage or large sums of currency.</li> <li>2. Large quantities of unusually shaped packages.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Plastic wrappers containing white or brown powdery substance.</li> <li>■ Bundles wrapped in tape, usually multiple layers of tape, tan in color and shiny.</li> <li>■ Parcels roughly the shape and size of football or a shoe box, sometimes bearing unusual markings done with marking pen.</li> <li>■ Strong odor of a chemical substance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Unusual alteration of room furnishings and the tampering with fixtures.</li> <li>4. Presence of firearms or indications of firearms, such as loose cartridges/ammunition or empty handgun holsters.</li> </ol>
<b>VEHICLE</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Auto license plate numbers furnished at the time of guest registration, not coinciding with the plates displayed on the vehicle.</li> <li>2. Tenants or visitors parking their vehicles away from the premises when space is readily available in the hotel/motel proper. Sometimes parked in a way to make access to the trunk difficult.</li> <li>3. Vehicles will usually be out-of-state, or a local rental car.</li> </ol>	