Information On Suspicious Packages

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Note: This document is intended for UL Lafayette employees only.

UL Lafayette is not immune from the threat of terrorism. The Department of Homeland Security suggests that the most productive thing anyone can do to protect themselves against terrorism is to be aware of their surroundings. Certainly, suspicious packages play a part in this awareness. Consider the following information:

- Suspicious packages on our campus <u>may</u> be defined as briefcases, book bags, handbags, cardboard boxes, plastic containers, etc.
- While on campus, if you use packages that are subject to being "suspicious", don't leave these items unattended and out of your sight. Others may find them and deem them dangerous unnecessarily.
- Place your name (and optionally your telephone number) on the outside of your packages. If they are lost, and someone else finds them, it will be easier for the University to locate their owner.
- If you identify a package that appears to be abandoned, report this first to a building authority (departmental head, dean, secretary, etc.). There's a good chance they will know who it belongs to. If the building is unoccupied, and the package seems suspicious, contact University Police.
- If you have lost a package, report this to University Police at 482-6447.

If these ideas fail, and the package seems legitimately suspicious, then it becomes necessary for emergency officials to respond. However, by following these simple tips, such an emergency response may be avoided, without compromising anyone's safety. If you have any questions regarding this information, contact Joey Pons at 482-5357 or safetyman@louisiana.edu.