

INDICATORS OF POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

- Guests arriving from such places as Miami, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago.
- Guests displaying large amounts of U.S. currency and paying cash for their lodging, meals, and expenses.
- Guests extending their stay on a day-to-day basis or checking out prematurely.
- Guests who are seedy in appearance and who appear out of place wearing expensive jewelry and clothing such as designer jeans, brand new shoes and suits.
- Guests not using room telephone, but using pay telephones excessively. These guests may ask for change for the pay phone.
- Guests being evasive when asked about their length of stay or reason for visit. Guests giving false names or identification or refusing to give identification.
- Guests staying an extended period of time but having little or no luggage upon checking in.
- Guests receiving frequent calls from people asking for the room number rather than the guest by name.
- Guests having numerous incoming and outgoing calls as soon as or shortly after checking in. This includes calls from Florida, New York California, Texas and Arizona.
- Guests who do not leave rooms, refuse maid service, order meals to the room, and constantly use the "do not disturb" sign.
- Guests who receive frequent visitors who arrive at late or unusual hours, staying for a brief period of time. (Not consistent with normal visitors).
- Visitors arriving empty handed, but leaving carrying luggage, brief cases or vice versa.
- Vehicle license plates furnished at registration not being correct or they may be falsified.
- Guests giving unknown company association or false company name. No reservation prior to arrival at hotel.
- May ask for room far away from front desk or close to an entrance or exit away from the front desk.

HOUSEKEEPING INDICATORS

The following indicators are clues that would be useful for employees.

- The notice of green leafy substance or residue.
- White powder or residue.
- Sandwich baggies with either green leafy residue or white powder residue.
- Folded pieces of small paper.
- Straws cut to the length of either 2" or 3".
- Small mirrors.
- Razor blades with white powder on the blade.
- Large amounts of cash.
- Any other powder, white in color or off-white in color, such as baking soda (baking soda is a common material to transfer cocaine into crack).
- Strange odors, such as burning marijuana.
- Empty 35 mm film canister with either marijuana or cocaine.
- Any type of scales that would be used to weigh narcotics.
- Several beepers or cell phones.
- Strong odor of chemicals.
- Guests refusing room service for more than a day or two or to only portions of the room.
- Guns
- Packages shaped like bricks and wrapped with duct tape or plastic tape.
- Guests who engage in the activities listed may or may not be involved in illicit narcotics trafficking. The police department asks that you take no action other than to observe the indicators, then notify us. We will evaluate your information and take appropriate enforcement action. Your assistance in reducing organized narcotics trafficking in our community is greatly appreciated!



The Basics

First step in keeping criminal activity out of your business and in developing a good case against the criminals is positive identification.

- Require photo identifications
- Motor vehicle registration
- Visually check license plates
- Who else is staying in room

Methamphetamine laboratories can be easily set up in a hotel/motel room. They can explode with enough force to level a house. Do not attempt to dismantle any laboratory equipment. Immediately call 911!

Remember....

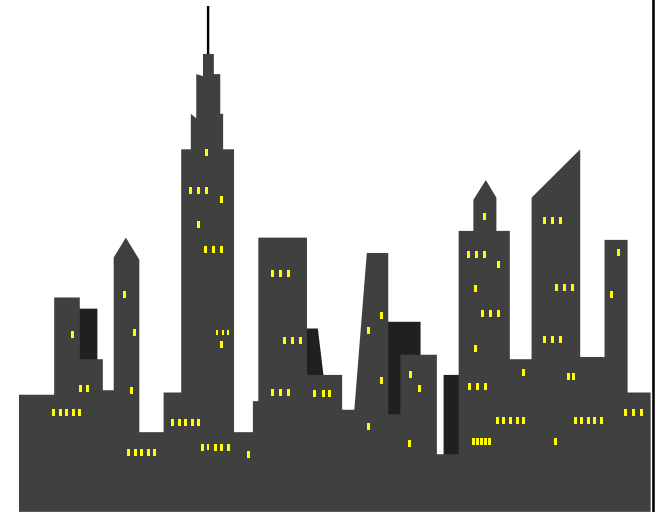
Stay alert to the indicators. The key to a successful Hotel/Motel Interdiction Program is cooperation between hotel staff and the police. If you have any question or concerns please call the Albert Lea Police Department at 507-377-5200 and ask to speak to an officer at once.

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Helpful hints to recognize and deal with unwanted customers or visitors who are involved in crime in and around your business

Hotel/Motel

Interdiction



- Learn to identify the signs of drug dealing or manufacturing
- Which guests to watch
- What can your staff do if they suspect someone is dealing

Albert Lea Police Department