Letter and package bomb indicators

Detecting suspicious packages/letters

- The item does not have to be delivered by a carrier; most bombers set up and deliver the bomb themselves.
- If delivered by carrier, inspect for lumps, bulges, or protrusions, without applying pressure.
- If delivered by carrier, balance check if lopsided or heavy sided.
- Handwritten addresses or labels from companies are improper. Check to see if the company exists and if they sent a package or letter.
- Packages wrapped in string are automatically suspicious, as modern packaging materials have eliminated the need for twine or string.
- Excess postage on small packages or letters indicates that the object was not weighed by the Post Office.
- No postage or non-canceled postage.
- Any foreign writing, addresses, or postage.
- Handwritten notes, such as: "To Be Opened in the Privacy of", "CONFIDENTIAL", etc.
- Improper spelling of common names, places, or titles.
- Generic or incorrect titles.
- Leaks, stains, or protruding wires, string, tape, etc.
- Hand delivered or dropped off for a friend packages or letters.
- No return address or nonsensical return address.
- Any letters or packages arriving before or after a phone call from an unknown person asking if the item was received.

REMEMBER; a safe campus is everyone’s responsibility!