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The receipt of mail and packages are common in the normal course of our daily business at ODHL. Although it is unlikely that employees will receive a package or letter that contains biological/chemical agents or bomb, employees should be familiar with the following guidelines.



What constitutes a "suspicious letter"?

- Unexpected or from someone unfamiliar to you
- Addressed to someone no longer in the organization
- No return address or address can't be verified
- Incorrect spelling
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that is a different location than the return address
- Unprofessionally wrapped with several combinations of tape used to secure a package labelled 'Fragile', 'Handle with care', or 'Rush-Do Not Delay'
- Marked with restrictive endorsements like 'Personnel' or 'Confidential'
- Excessive postage or no postage
- Unusual weight





What constitutes a "suspicious letter"?



- Protruding wires, leaking liquid, powder residue, strange odor, stains
- Contents feel stuck (pressure or resistance) when attempting to remove contents from the envelope or package



DHS & USPS list some anomalies that should raise red flags about a package, and suggestions on what to do next. (Courtesy of USPS)

If you find/receive a suspicious package/letter:

- 1. Do not touch the package or items near it. Movement may 'trigger' a detonation.
- 2. Do not use a cell phone or walkie-talkie in the immediate area of the package.
- 3. Conduct a threat assessment:
 - a) Can you identify the package without picking it up or handling it?
 - b) Does the package have protruding wires, leaking fluid or powder, strange odors, stains or residues?
 - c) Is there a note attached or near by the package?
- 4. If it is determined the package/letter presents no threat, no action is necessary, continue with normal work.





If you find/receive a suspicious package/letter:

- 5. If determined that the package/letter may present a "threat":
 - a) DO NOT HANDLE or move.
 - b) Make sure the suspicious package is isolated and the immediate area closed off.
 - c) Evacuate the immediate area beyond the perimeter of those exposed.
 - d) Call the ODH 24/7 phone number at 614-722-7221.
 - e) Call Truro Township Fire Department at 614-866-1317.
 - f) Call ODA Facilities Maintenance at 614-989-2013.
 - g) Ensure all employees who have touched the device wash their hands with soap and water.





What do I do if I OPENED a suspicious package/letter:

- 1. Remain calm.
- 2. DO NOT OPEN or FURTHER HANDLE the package/letter. If possible, seal in a plastic bag.
- 3. Make sure the suspicious package is isolated and the immediate area closed off.
- 4. Evacuate the immediate area beyond the perimeter of those exposed.
- 5. Call the ODH 24/7 phone number at 614-722-7221.
- 6. Call the Truro Township Fire Department at 614-866-1317.
- 7. Call ODA Facilities Maintenance at 614-989-2013.



What do I do if I OPENED a suspicious package/letter:

- 8. Place all items worn when in contact with the suspected package/letter in plastic bags and keep them wherever you changed your clothes, have them available for law enforcement. Wash hands with soap and water.
- 9. Make a list of all employees who have touched the package/letter. Include contact information. Provide the list to the proper responding public safety officials.



Please take the quiz online: Passing grade is 80%



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