

BOTTLE BOMBS

FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS CARD

It is important to remember that every year in the United States civilians have been exposed and injured when handling "bottle bomb" types of devices. Homemade chemical bombs (HCB's) also referred to as bottle bombs, acid bombs and MacGyver bombs.

IDENTIFICATION

- **Responders should be very cautious of any materials or locations that arouse your curiosity.**
- Devices can be made with plastic soda or drink bottles, any size from 20 oz. to 3 liter bottles to larger type containers.
- Plastic containers containing multi-layered liquids.
- Containers with white or gray liquids with possible cloudy appearance.
- Strong or unusual chemical odors inside or outside.
- Materials such as pool chemicals, dry ice, alcohol, acid, aluminum, toilet bowl, drain & driveway cleaners, etc.
- **ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ITEMS!**

EXIT STRATEGY

- If there are several strong indicators that you have some type of bottle bomb device - leave the area and withdraw your personnel to an area outside the Warm Zone.
- If the materials are mixed there is no way of telling when it may detonate.
- Do not touch, move or handle anything.
- If you, another responder or civilians have become contaminated, immediately begin decontamination and seek medical attention.
- Try to obtain information from bystanders on the type of materials involved.
- Treat as a suspected Improvised Explosive Device (IED).
- The bigger the suspicious container - the bigger the Hot Zone (200 feet minimum).
- Only trained bomb squad or hazmat team personnel should approach, handle, or attempt to neutralize these devices.

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Response sheet is for training and informational purposes only. Please utilize local guidelines and procedures.