

## **DISCOVERING A SUSPECT OBJECT THAT CAN BE AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE**

Lately, civilians have been frequently reporting cases of discovering suspect objects that can be explosive devices. Such objects are found on public transport, in vestibules, near apartment doors, in public establishments and other public places. How should one behave on such a discovery? What actions are to be taken?

If the object discovered must not, in your opinion, be in this place, do not disregard this fact.

- If you found a forgotten or ownerless thing when travelling by public transport, ask the people around you. Try to find out whose thing it is and who could have left it there. If the owner is not identified, report immediately to the driver about your finding.
- If you found an unknown object in the entrance hall or vestibule of the block-of-flats/house, ask your neighbours, if the thing belongs to any of them. If the owner is not found, report immediately about the finding to the regional police department.
- If you found an unknown object in a public establishment, report immediately about the finding to the administration or security staff.

In all the above-mentioned cases:

- Do not touch, do not move, do not unseal the discovered object;
- Record the time of the object discovery;
- Try to make all efforts to make the people step away from the object as far as possible;
- Make sure to wait till the arrival of the Operational Investigations Group. (Remember that you are a very important eyewitness!)

**Remember:** the exterior appearance of the object can hide its real application. The most ordinary household objects can be used as a camouflage for explosive devices, for example, bags, packages, boxes, toys, etc.

**INTENTIONALLY FALSE DANGER MESSAGE** is a criminal offence stipulated in Article 340 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus. The maximal penalty is imprisonment for a period of up to 5 years. In case this crime is committed by a group of persons in collusion, the sentence can be enlarged to 7 years. The age of criminal responsibility is 14 years.