

“Check It!”

Protecting Public Spaces

A Training Video for Front Line Event Staff

Department of Homeland Security - Office of Infrastructure Protection

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) has developed a training video on the proper procedures for searching bags at large public gathering spaces and to highlight suspicious activity awareness. “*Check It!*” is in support of a series of videos developed by IP and Commercial Facilities Sector partners, the first of which was the suspicious activity awareness video for retailers “*What’s in Store: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Events.*”

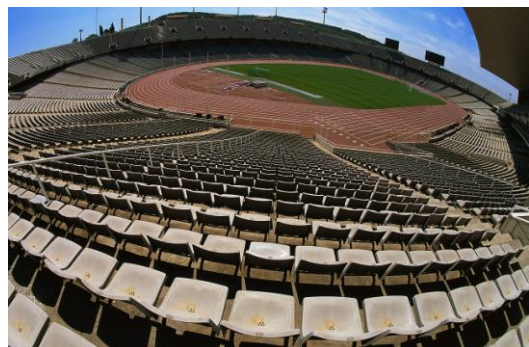
The video is intended to provide training on standardized bag search procedures to front line facility staff such as ticket takers and security screeners. Front line employees at stadiums and venues are tasked with the challenging responsibility of providing safety and protection for venues and their patrons. As the first line of defense, front line employees are in the difficult position of properly searching bags and recognizing suspicious activity while at the same time limiting the hassle to patrons as much as possible. The “*Check It!*” video also highlights indicators of suspicious activity so that front line employees are properly prepared to protect venues and patrons across the country.

“*Check It!*” was produced in conjunction with the *Protective Measures Bag Search Guide* which addresses inspection procedures, illegal, prohibited and suspicious items. The *Protective Measures Bag Search Guide* is intended for use by all public facilities that employ a bag search process.

Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile initiative. Building awareness is the most important action we can take in protecting America. The “*Check It!*” video can be found at: http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1259859901230.shtm

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