

Bomb Threats!

If you receive a bomb threat, stay calm and try to get as much information as possible. Although this might be difficult, try to note any unique features about the voice and any background sounds you hear over the telephone. Keep the caller on the line as long as possible and take detailed notes about what is said.

Try to note the following:

- If the speaker is male or female
- If the speaker has a distinctive accent
- If the voice is disguised, muffled or strange-sounding
- If the voice is shrill or deep
- Any background noises (e.g. traffic, bus passing, bell ringing, fax or printer sounds)
- Any indoor vs. outdoor sounds

Call the police and building management immediately after you hang up.

If you have been notified of a bomb threat, do not touch any suspicious package. If a suspicious package is found, leave the area and notify the police immediately.

If you have been evacuated from a building, avoid standing in front of windows or other potentially hazardous areas. Do not block the sidewalk or street. It will need to be kept clear for emergency officials.

In the case of an explosion, get out of the building as quickly and calmly as possible. If items are falling off bookshelves or from the ceiling, get under a sturdy table or desk until the situation has stabilized enough for your safe passage. Ensure your own safety before trying to help others.

Making a bomb threat is a criminal offence. Do not try to guess whether the threat is real or a hoax. Call the police.