CUSTOMS DRUGS WATCH

HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS?
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE 1800 295 295
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ENFORCEMENT

This booklet has been produced by Revenue’s Customs Service to allow you, the public, assist Customs in tackling smuggling, especially Drug Smuggling.

Drug smuggling is an international problem - the misuse of drugs is one of the great social ills of our time that affects individuals, families and whole communities. A critical element of tackling the problem is reducing supply - one of the four pillars of the National Drugs Strategy.

The Customs Service is tasked with the responsibility for the prevention, detection and seizure of controlled drugs at importation.

We seek to enlist your help in tackling drug smuggling. You can assist Customs in combating smuggling by noting any unusual or suspicious activities in your area and contacting your local Customs Drugs Watch Officer IMMEDIATELY.
HOW YOU CAN HELP?

› Be observant, note any unusual, unlawful or suspicious activity and report this as soon as possible to your local Customs Drugs Watch Officer.

› You are most familiar with your own surroundings; the countryside, the coastal and offshore areas, aircraft and vessel movements. Remember, you are the best placed person to notice anything unusual.

› By noting suspicious or unusual activity and contacting your local Customs Drugs Watch Officer, you are assisting us in preventing illegal smuggling activity.

All information received will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

Shipping

- Yachts & pleasure craft sighted in remote areas
- Crew making landings in remote areas
- Unusual objects at sea or ashore such as buoys or signalling devices
- Possible unauthorised landings by foreign vessels
- Merchant shipping at anchor close to land or islands
- Ships away from their normal shipping lanes
- Ships signalling ashore or being met by small craft
- Vessels operating at night without lights
- Packages floating in the sea, lying on the beach or hidden close to the shore
Aircraft

- Unusual or suspicious aircraft movements
- Aircraft operating at night without lights
- Aircraft touching down or landing on isolated airstrips
- Objects dropped from aircraft
- Packages lying close to or adjacent to an airfield or airstrip
- Other activity which you consider unusual for your area

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HOW TO REPORT

If the incident relates to a vessel, aircraft or vehicle, identify it immediately, perhaps from the numbered silhouettes in this booklet.

Note the time, date and place, name of vessel, registration number of vehicle, vessel or aircraft, colours, people involved, plus a brief description of what you actually saw. The more details you note the better.

Often it is easier to ignore suspicions rather than report them. Now you have the opportunity to report them. Please see the contact details at the back of this booklet.
WARNING!

» For your own protection - do NOT involve yourself in any incident.

» Do NOT attempt to contact the authorities by RADIO unless there is an emergency, as you may be overheard.

» If you locate goods, do NOT disturb the site just report the location, including coordinates. Disturbing the goods could destroy vital evidence that may identify those responsible.
IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

1 Passenger

2 Tanker

3 Container

4 Bulk Loader
5 Cargo

6 RoRo

7 Trawler

8 Motorised Fishing Vessel (MFV)
9 Cabin Cruiser

10 Yacht

11 Tug
12 Turbo Prop Plane

13 Small Plane

14 Helicopter
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