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## Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques (SPOT) Refresher Training

### Lesson 2: SPOT Overview

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# Objectives

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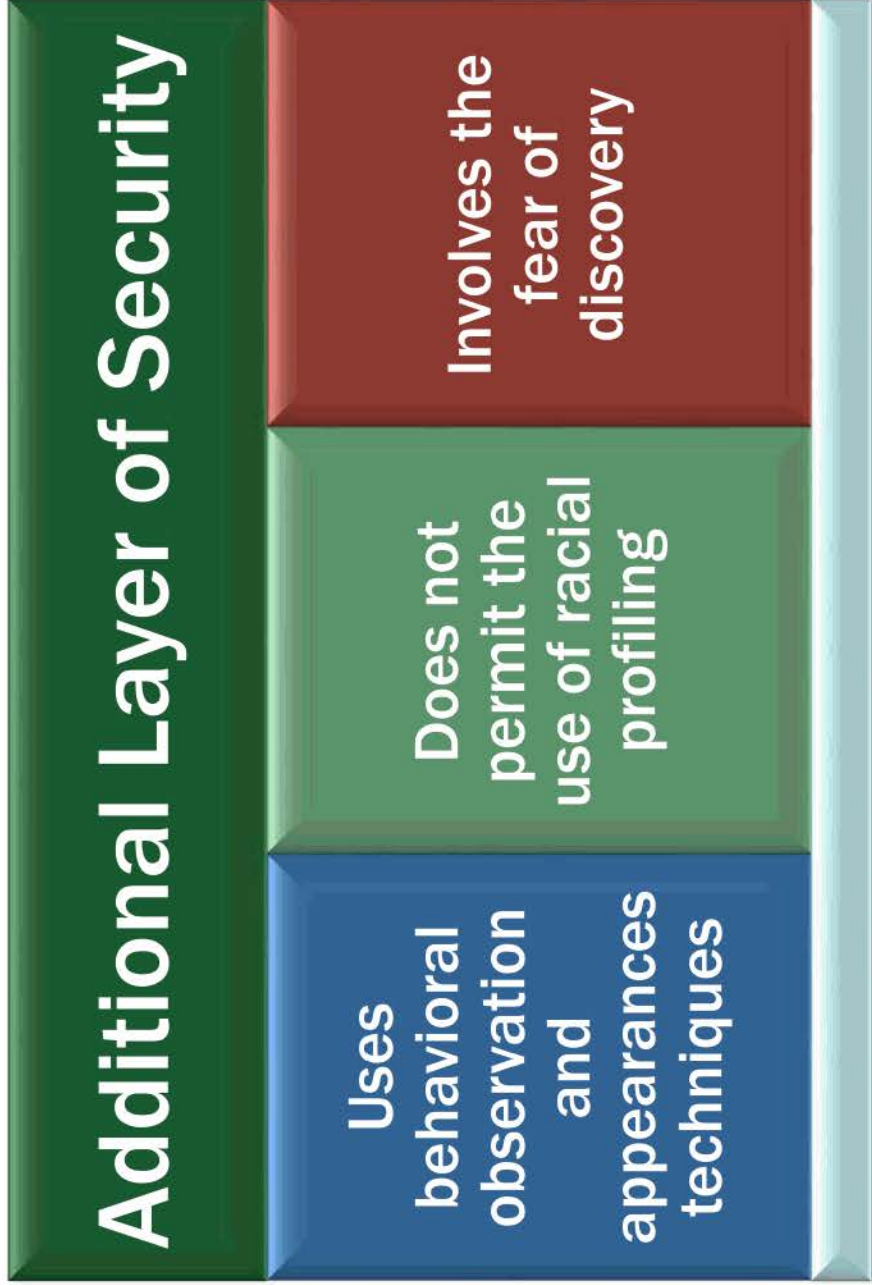
At the end of this lesson participants should be able to:



- Articulate the definition of SPOT
- Explain the purpose for conducting SPOT
- Summarize the steps in the SPOT process
- Describe the scoring process

# SPOT Defined

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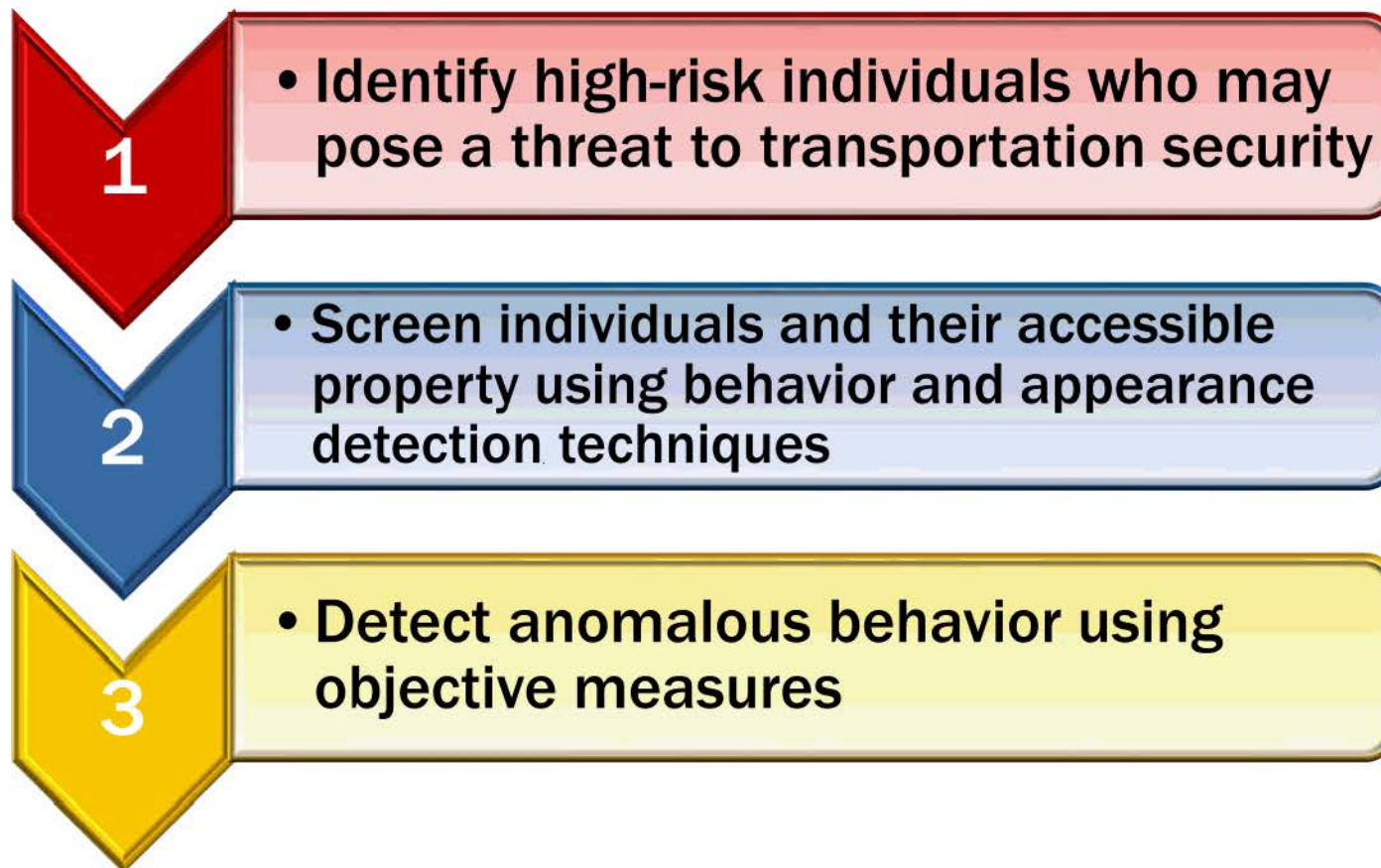


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# Purpose of SPOT

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# SPOT and the TSA Mission

Behavior and appearance supports TSA's mission by providing:



An additional layer of security



A focus on intent, not solely on the means



Deterrence



A flexible and adaptable layer of security



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# Conducting SPOT

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**1**

- Establish environmental baseline

**2**

- Behavior observation\* and analysis

**3**

- WTL

**4**

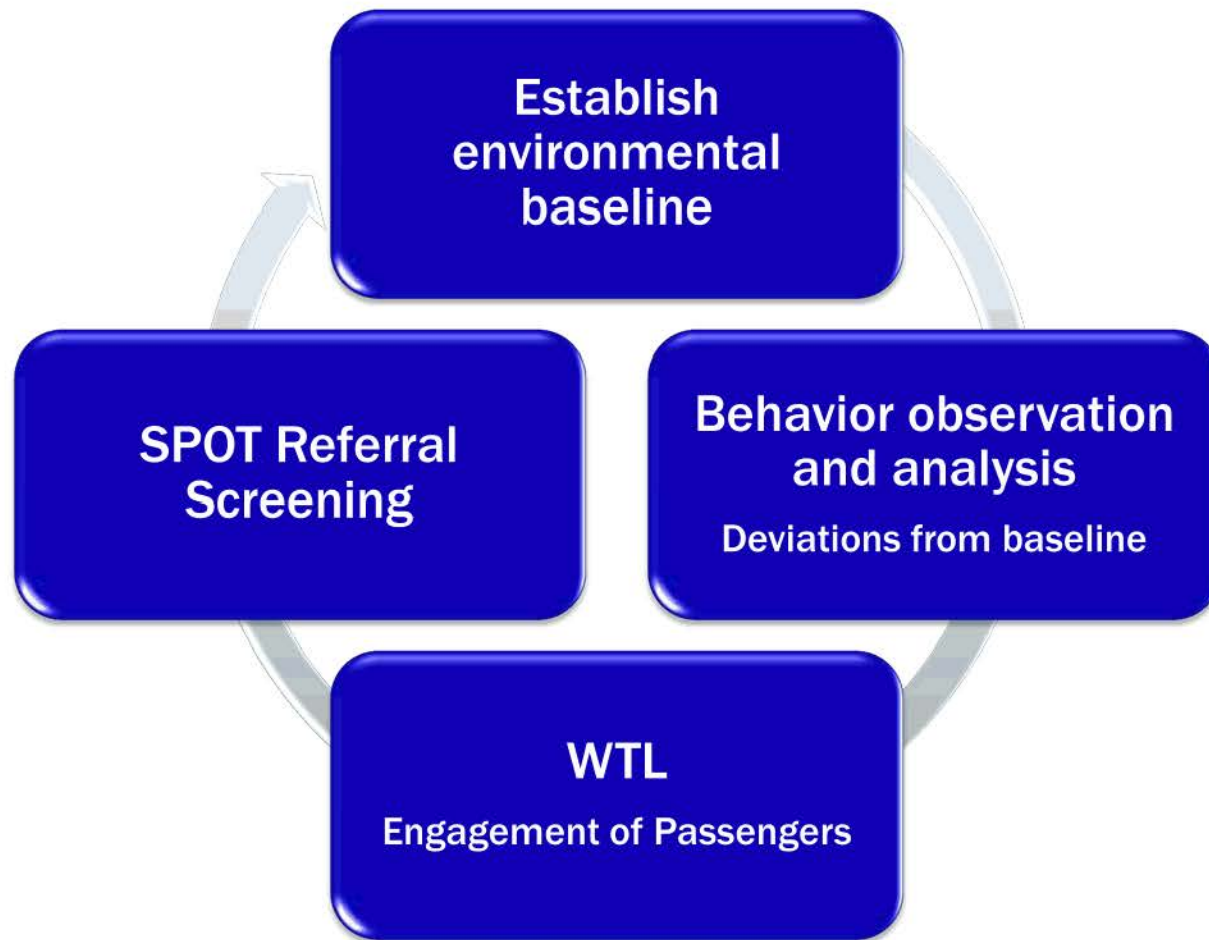
- SPOT Referral Screening

\*Behavior observation continues throughout the SPOT process



# Steps in the SPOT Process: Review

Behavior observation continues throughout the cycle





# Behavioral Indicators and Weights

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# SPOT Check: Thresholds

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# SPOT Overview: Scoring Process

A standardized scoring process is:

- An objective measure of risk that is threshold driven
- Based on deviations from an established environmental baseline using standard indicators
- Meant to increase reliability between BDOs and to avoid personal biases and stereotypes



# SPOT Thresholds and Outcomes

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# BDO Mental Checklist

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**What SPOT operation am I conducting?**



**Where am I observing the individual ?**



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**Do the observed behaviors meet the SPOT thresholds?**

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# Behavior Definitions Practice



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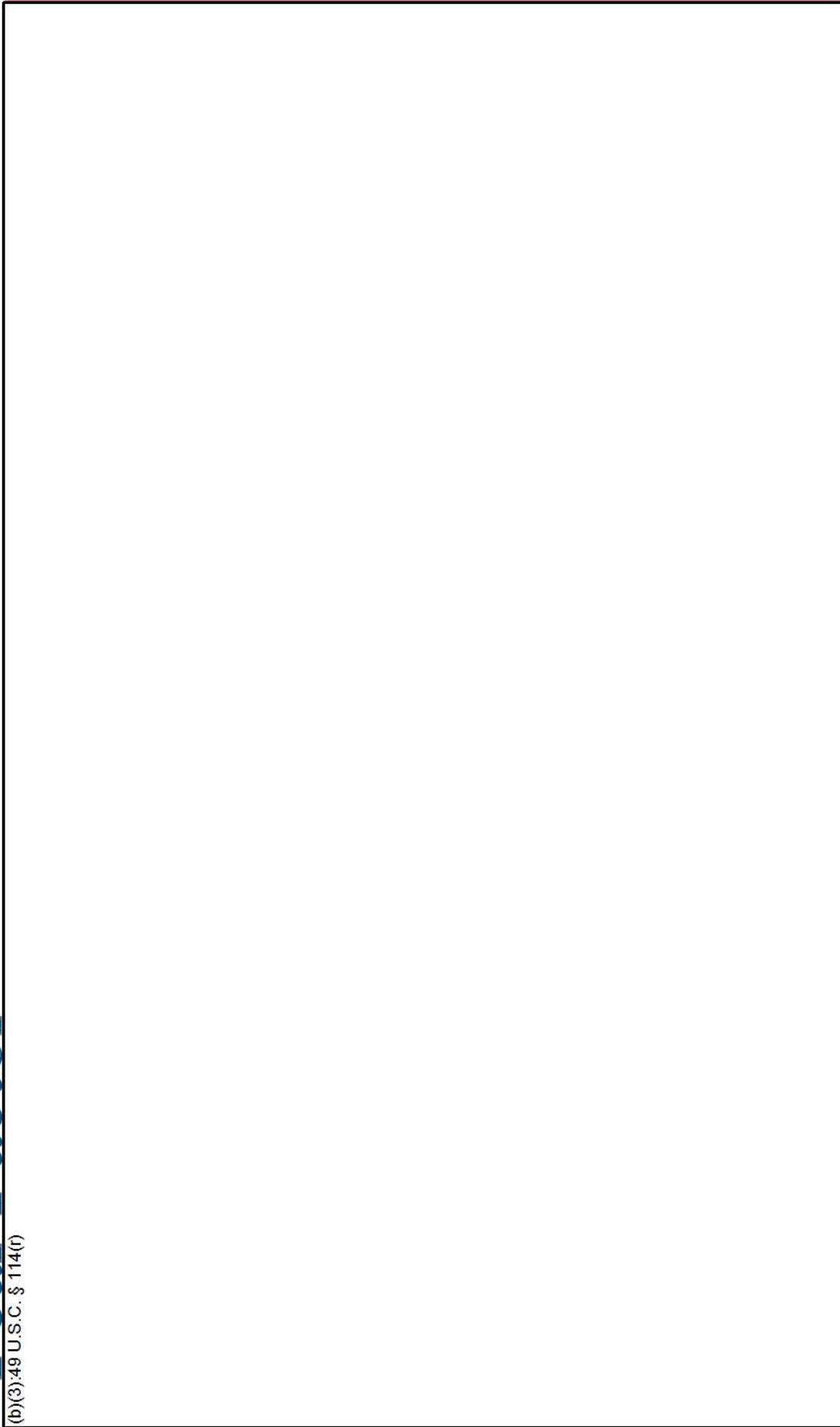
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# Fear Factor

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# Stress Factor

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# Stress Factor

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# Suicide Bomber Indicator

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# Stress Factor

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# Fear Factor

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# Deception Factor

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# Summary

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# Questions

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