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Introduction

This reference guide is intended to serve as a job-aid for Behavior Detection Officers (BDO). This guide provides an operational description for each of the Screening of Passengers by Observation Techniques (SPOT) behavioral indicators. These descriptions are meant to guide the BDO in learning what to observe and when it is acceptable to score these behaviors.

In addition to the operational descriptions provided, exemplars are included to give instances in which these behaviors may be assessed and when they may not be assessed. These are simply examples and situations to help further define the indicators. These do not include all of the possible cases where these indicators could be observed or not observed; they are meant only as relevant and common examples of each.

Application

This guide is meant to act as an aid in performing SPOT and serves as a tool to help accurately and consistently observe and detect the various behavioral indicators. This in no way supersedes the SPOT Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

This guide should be used as a reference and learning tool for the BDO. At no time should this guide be in the public view, nor should it be taken out of an SSI secure area.

Structure

This guide is categorized by the type of behavioral indicator: Stress, Fear, and Deception Factors, Signs of Deception, and Suicide Bomber Indicators.

Within each behavioral indicator, the point values are included along with the operational description and exemplars. The exemplars are grouped into, "Assessable" and "Non-Assessable." These grouping are only meant to give a clearer understanding of each description.

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