

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES

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Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in vehicles



This Operations Bulletin should be read in conjunction with the following Standard Operational Guidelines (SOG):

SOG 8.1 Bombs

SOG 8.7 Terrorist Incidents

SOG 8.10 Incendiary Incidents

SOG 8.12 Explosives

NSWFB personnel need to be alert to the existence of IEDs and the means by which terrorists may deliver them to an intended target.

While there are a variety of methods for placing IEDs, one common method involves the use of vehicles including cars, vans, concrete mixers, bulk liquid carriers, dangerous goods carriers, waste removal trucks and emergency service vehicles.

The following indicators found or observed in isolation are not necessarily an indication of an IED however, if found or observed in combination the vehicle should be reported to Police;

- Vehicle is abandoned in a public assembly, tourist area, pedestrian area, retail area, transit facility etc or is parked between, against or very close to the columns of a multi-storey building,
- Vehicle sits unusually low on its suspension,
- Unusual screwed, riveted or welded sections located on bodywork
- Unusually large battery or extra battery found under the bonnet or elsewhere in the vehicle
- Blackened windows or covered windows.
- The hollow of front or rear bumpers have been sealed, taped or otherwise made inaccessible,

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- Tyres seem solid,
- Bright chemical stains or unusual rust patches on a new vehicle,
- Chemical odour present or unusual chemical leak beneath vehicle,
- Wiring protruding from the vehicle, especially from boot or engine compartment.
- Wires or cables running from the engine compartment, through passenger compartment, to the rear of vehicle,
- Wires or cables leading to a switch behind sun visor,
- The appearance or character of the driver does not match the use or type of vehicle,
- The driver seems agitated, lost and unfamiliar with vehicle controls.

Noted Station Commander	A	B	C	D	Other

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