

Remember an item is not HOT just because it is unattended

HOT or not?

Follow these steps to find out whether an item is HOT or not

Is the item unattended?

- Ask if any of the people nearby own the item.
- Ask if anyone saw the person who left the item behind.
- Look around for anyone watching the item.

YES ►

Apply the
HOT principle

▼ NO

Is the item suspicious on the outside?

YES ►

Apply the
HOT principle

▼ NO

Is the item suspicious on the inside?

Without picking up the item, carefully open and inspect inside.

YES ►

Apply the
HOT principle

▼ NO

Deal with the item as lost property
or rubbish

The HOT Principle

Is it **H**IDDEN?

Eg. Has it been wedged under a seat or in a location not easily accessible?

Is it **O**BVIOUSLY suspicious?

CONSIDER:
Any specific threats which may have been made against Sydney Trains which may indicate the item is a bomb, current security warnings which may have been received from police or Sydney Trains.
Without touching the item, look for things which may cause you to be suspicious:

- Unusually shaped items
- Leakage (e.g. fuel oil)
- Unusual packaging (e.g. excessive taping or wrapping)
- Batteries, LED lights or protruding wires
- Unusual smells (e.g. chemicals, fuel oil).

Is it **T**YPICAL of what would ordinarily be found there?

An item may be suspicious because it is not normally found in this location; eg. a suitcase left on top of a bin or wedged behind a seat.

▼ YES

If the item is HOT

- Do not touch, tilt or tamper with the item.
- Evacuate immediate area and turn off and do not use radios or mobile phones within 50 metres of the item.
- Immediately notify your officer in charge (OIC) of the HOT item and provide information about the nature and location of HOT item.
- If you have been directed to evacuate, please refer to your local evacuation procedures.