

Security Awareness

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Insider Threat Awareness Month

September is recognized as Insider Threat Awareness Month — a time to strengthen our awareness of potential insider threats and reinforce the important role every employee plays in protecting Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and the traveling public.

What Is an Insider Threat?

An insider threat occurs when an individual with authorized access to airport facilities, systems, or information uses that access in a way that could harm the airport, employees, or passengers.

Insider threats may be intentional or unintentional and can result from:

- Misuse of access privileges
- Poor judgment or negligence
- Failure to follow security procedures

Warning Signs

- **Unexplained access** to areas beyond the scope of assigned duties
- **Misuse of credentials** or sharing of badge access with unauthorized individuals
- **Unauthorized removal** of airport property, equipment, or sensitive information
- **Unusual interest** in security systems, camera locations, or access control procedures
- **Repeated escort violations** or failure to follow established escort procedures
- **Financial or personal pressures** that could make an individual susceptible to outside influence
- **Sudden behavioral changes** including increased secrecy, hostility, or disregard for policy

Not every indicator means an individual poses a threat. However, a combination of behaviors — especially when they involve access control, misuse of credentials, or unexplained activity in secured areas — warrants attention and reporting.

How to Report a Concern:

Access Control Insider Threat: Report suspicious activity directly at Access.Control@atl.com

Email: Contact the Safety & Security Credentialing Division at SecurityID@atl.com

Emergency: Call **911** if you believe an individual is behaving suspiciously.

Remember, Security is Everybody's Business!

The Department of Aviation's Safety & Security Division is responsible for managing an effective Airport Security Program that ensures a safe and secure environment at the world's busiest and most efficient airport while exceeding customers' expectations and complying with applicable regulations, laws and codes. If you have questions, please contact the Safety & Security Division at SecurityID@atl.com. Thank you for your continued support of the Airport Security Program.