

HOT Protocol (unattended items)

When faced with unattended items consider HOT:

H - Hidden	Has an attempt been made to hide the object? Not in general view and may have been deliberately positioned in a discrete area?
O - Obvious	i.e. obviously suspicious – signs of tape, wiring, batteries, ticking etc.
T - Typical	Is the object typical of the environment? Is it out of the ordinary? Not typical of the normal everyday situation?