



The Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP) is a national outreach program, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, designed to increase public and private sector awareness of the use of homemade explosive (HME) precursor chemicals, explosive powders, and improvised explosive device (IED) components. Through increased awareness, BMAP builds a network of vigilant and informed private sector partners who serve as the Nation's counter-IED "eyes-and-ears" as the first line of defense in providing early detection of the sale of HME precursor chemicals to suspect individuals.

## Program Description

BMAP provides the training, tools, and resources that help local first responders and other community outreach officers engage a wide range of private sector establishments within their jurisdictions that manufacture, distribute, or sell products that contain HME precursor chemicals or explosive powders. Participants who attend the BMAP training become BMAP Outreach Officers who reach out to local businesses in their jurisdictions to help employees identify relevant HME precursor chemicals, explosive powders, potential critical IED components, suspicious purchasing behavior, and proper reporting procedures. The program simultaneously encourages stronger relationships between businesses and local law enforcement, and reinforces the foundation of effective community safety and security. State and local officials are encouraged to develop programs similar to BMAP in their state and local jurisdictions.

## Program Benefits

- Enhances public/private partnerships
- Increases private sector point-of-sale awareness
- Increases identification of suspicious purchasing behavior and reporting
- Promotes community-based policing
- Provides free, secure access to training and awareness materials
- Provides reporting mechanisms to track and measure success
- Strengthens prevention opportunities



Variety of materials and tools in a residence to make a bomb  
(Source: DHS)

## Program Implementation

BMAP Outreach Officers collaborate, track progress, and execute the program via the BMAP Community of Interest (COI) on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). The COI provides end users and Outreach Officers a mechanism in which to sustain State and local program activity. The COI affords administrators at the Federal or State level use the data in the COI to track activities at the State and local levels and to measure the success of BMAP within their regions. The COI also serves as an information sharing portal between DHS and BMAP Outreach Officers.

## Contact Information

For more information on the Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program facilitated by the DHS Office for Bombing Prevention, please visit <http://www.dhs.gov/obp> or <http://www.dhs.gov/bomb-making-materials-awareness-program>.