



The Postal Crisis Reenactment

Using Critical Reading & Writing Skills to Understand Disaster Documents

“We are at War . . .”

USPS News

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October 22, 2001 "An attack on any of us is an attack on all of us," said Claude Allen, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who also spoke at the event, aired live from Headquarters on USPS TV. "An attack on a postal worker is an investigation and intervention. On three fronts to combat the threat - education, others may have a better idea of what to do. An attack on a postal worker is an attack on every citizen in this country," Allen said.

"We in the Postal Service are at war," he said. "A war against terrorism. Our job is to win that war."

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President Bush says two postal employees "died in the line of duty"

“ . . . Anthrax has not been confirmed ”

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As a funeral was held today for one of two postal employees **who died of inhaled anthrax**, President George Bush mourned the workers' deaths and cited bioterrorism attacks through the mail as evidence of an "unprecedented war."

“**suspected** anthrax contamination”

“ . . . but anthrax **has not been confirmed.** ”

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UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE



SUSPICIOUS MAIL

THESE TIPS CAN HELP PROTECT YOU,
YOUR BUSINESS, AND YOUR MAILROOM

IF YOU RECEIVE A SUSPICIOUS LETTER OR PACKAGE:

1 Handle with care.
Don't shake or bump.

2 Isolate it
immediately.

3 Don't open,
smell, touch, or taste.

4 Treat it as suspect.
Call local law
enforcement authorities.



IF YOU SUSPECT THE MAIL MAY CONTAIN:

A BOMB:
Evacuate Immediately
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

A BIOLOGICAL THREAT:
Limit Exposure — Don't Handle
Evacuate Area
Shield Yourself from Object
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

A BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL THREAT:
Isolate — Don't Handle
Evacuate Immediate Area
Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit



**Tampering with mail will
get you a new home,
new friends, &
a new job.**



If you suspect
anyone is stealing or
tampering with the mail,
contact your local
U.S. Postal Inspectors.



If you receive a suspicious letter or package:



1 Handle with care.
Don't shake
or bump.

2 Isolate it immediately

3 Don't open, smell, touch or taste.

4 Treat it as suspect. Call local law enforcement authorities

If a parcel is open and/or a threat is identified . . .

- Evacuate Immediately
- Call Police
- Contact Postal Inspectors
- Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

- Limit Exposure - Don't Handle
- Evacuate Area
- Shield Yourself From Object
- Call Police
- Contact Postal Inspectors
- Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

- Isolate - Don't Handle
- Evacuate Immediate Area
- Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water
- Call Police
- Contact Postal Inspectors
- Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

SUSPICIOUS MONKEY ALERT

If you see a suspicious monkey by your mailbox:

Student
Reenactment
Document

Aggressive bearing
of teeth.

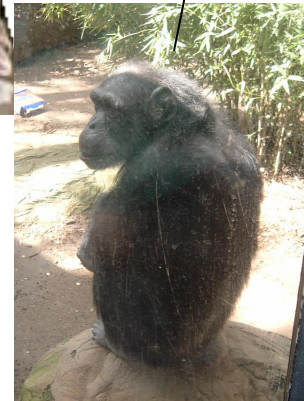
Wearing human
clothes.

Blood stains.

Appears docile but is
waiting on you to mail
your bills.



Approaches
vehicle while
mailing letters.



- 1** Handle with care.
Don't shake
or bump.
- 2** Isolate it
immediately
- 3** Don't ~~smell~~
touch or taste.
- 4** Treat it as suspect.
Call local law enforce-
ment authorities

If a parcel is open and/or a monkey is identified . . .

Foaming at the Mouth:

Evacuate Immediately
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

Throwing Parcels:

Limit Exposure - Don't Handle
Evacuate Area
Shield Yourself From Object
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit

Licking Envelopes:

Isolate - Don't Handle
Evacuate Immediate Area
Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water
Call Police
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit