

# Pre-Surveillance Indicators

## The Missed Layer in Executive Protection

Short, operational insights from Peeler Group International focused on real-world risk, behavioral awareness, and intelligence-led protection → designed to reduce exposure before incidents occur.

# What Pre-Surveillance Actually Looks Like

Pre-surveillance is the quiet observation phase before access or action.

Common indicators include:

- Repeated presence without a clear purpose
- Watching entrances, exits, and routines
- Testing sight lines and movement angles
- Monitoring arrival and departure timing
- Blending into normal daily activity

**It rarely looks threatening.**

**It almost always looks ordinary.**

# Why This Phase Gets Missed

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Most security systems track data.

**Pre-surveillance is behavioral.**

It often goes unnoticed because:

- No rules are broken
- No alarms are triggered
- No obvious threat appears

What is missing:

**Baseline awareness and pattern recognition**

Without knowing what "normal" looks like, early risk never stands out.

# Where It Sits in the Escalation Process

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Violence is rarely spontaneous.  
It progresses through identifiable stages.

Typical progression:

- Interest
- Fixation
- Research
- **Observation**
- Testing
- Action

Pre-surveillance occurs during **Observation**

This is where intent becomes rehearsal.

Once rehearsal begins, the probability increases.

# What Strong EP Teams Do Differently

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High-functioning protection teams focus on:

- Behavioral patterns over credentials alone
- Repeat presence over one-time encounters
- Early disruption over late reaction

They actively:

- Establish environmental baselines
- Monitor approach routes and choke points
- Interrupt observation cycles discreetly

The goal is not confrontation.

The goal is disruption before rehearsal becomes action.

# You Don't Stop Attacks at the Moment of Violence You Stop Them



at the Moment of  
**Rehearsal**

Pre-Surveillance Indicators Provide the **Earliest Opportunity**  
to **Prevent Escalation and Exposure**



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