

REPORTING AND PURPOSE OF REPORTING

The purpose for reporting suspicious activity to the police is to stop the criminal activity, increase police presence in your neighborhood and give a true perspective of crime. Making a report will enhance the possibility of getting your property returned.

Keep police emergency numbers close by when reporting suspicious activity or an emergency. Anything that seems slightly "out of place" or does not look right could be criminal activity. **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY ABOUT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.** Do not worry about "bothering" the police or being embarrassed if your suspicions prove to be unfounded. Think ahead about what could happen if you don't act. Give the police or the telephone clerk:

The reason for the call.

The location of the activity.

The description of the suspect and any vehicle involved.

If the crime is in progress, give the circumstances and possible crime being committed.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL IT IN

Under **no** circumstances attempt to apprehend a person committing a crime or try to investigate suspicious activity. The police want your information – not your action.

The police department would rather investigate than be called when it is too late. Your call could save a life, prevent an injury or stop a criminal act. **BE ALERT.**

Not every stranger who comes into your neighborhood is a criminal, by any means. There are many door-to-door salesmen, repairmen, and servicemen moving around our neighborhood all the time. But criminals do take advantage of this by pretending to be legitimate workmen.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CONCERNING PERSONS

CIRCUMSTANCE	POSSIBLE CRIME
Going door-to-door in a residential area, especially If one or more persons goes to the rear of the Residence.	Possible burglary suspects or trespassers.
Waiting or loitering in front of a house or business, If business is closed or house unoccupied.	Possible burglary suspects.
Forcing entrance, or entering your neighbor's house, When it is unoccupied.	Possible burglary, theft or trespassing.
Person running, especially if something of value is being carried.	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a crime.
Person carrying property that is not wrapped, at an unusual hour.	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a burglary or robbery.
Much human traffic to and from a certain residence if it occurs on a daily or regular basis.	Possible drug, vice or a fence operation.
Person screaming.	Possible rape or assault.
Person loitering around cars or going car-to-car peering into them, especially in parking lots or on streets.	Possible car thief.
Persons loitering around schools, parks, or secluded areas.	Possible sex offenders.
Person offering items for sale at very low price.	Possibly trying to sell stolen property.
"Delivery Man" with a wrong address or one who asks if someone else lives there.	Possible burglary suspect.

OTHER SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

CIRCUMSTANCE	POSSIBLE CRIME
Continuous repair operations at a non-business location.	Possible stolen property being altered.
Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence.	Possible burglary in progress, completed burglary, or vandalism.
Unusual noises such as gunshots, screaming, or dogs barking continuously.	Possible burglary, assault, rape, etc.
Sound of breaking glass.	Possible burglary or vandalism.
A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms.	Person may be injured, under the influence of drugs, or otherwise needing medical attention.
Property in homes, garage, or storage areas is suspicious if accumulations are large, or items are in good condition but not in use.	Possible stolen property.

