

If you feel that something is wrong, do not hesitate to call police.

Your action may protect your own life or property – or it may save a neighbor from harm or loss.

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BE ALERT – LOOK & LISTEN

Take note of suspicious activities or persons. Trust your instincts.

Pay attention to details by observing people, cars, clothing, weapons, and suspicious activities.

Determine the location and type of problem you observe.

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DIAL 911 DIRECT

Report the problem at once to authorities.

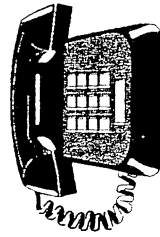
Don't hesitate to use the emergency number to report suspicious activity - it only takes moments for it to turn into a crime in progress.

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Help police by providing answers to all the questions that are asked by the dispatcher.

Information which you may think unimportant may actually provide the link that law enforcement needs to catch the bad guy! Remain on the line to provide additional details – or to guide officers to the scene.



DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCY

Do you consider the following suspicious?



Someone entering your neighbor's home when he's not there.



Door-to-door solicitors who may attempt entry - or walk around to the back yard, or who have a car following close by.



Repair or utility crew who are not a recognizable company, listing the name and number on a truck.



Unusual noises; a scream, breaking glass, a gunshot or explosion.



Unfamiliar vehicle cruising or idling at school bus stop area.

Understand correct terminology – that way you can help police by providing an accurate report.

Felony is a crime of a very serious nature (burglary, robbery).

Misdemeanor . . . is an offense which is less serious than a felony (vandalism, assault).

Burglary is committed by someone entering a structure illegally with the intention of doing something serious, like stealing something or hurting someone.

Robbery is the act of taking another's property by force or threat of force. It involves confrontation between the offender and a victim.

Assault results when one person hurts or tries to hurt another.

Sexual Assault . involves forcing a person to take part in a sexual activity without that person's consent, or when under the legal age of consent.

Larceny is stealing without force or entry, like shoplifting or pickpocketing.

Vandalism is the destruction or defacing of property.