

RECOGNIZING & REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES



Detecting activities that may precede crimes starts with being familiar with one's neighborhood.



HOW TO DETECT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR OR ACTIVITIES

For many people, their neighborhood - particularly their block or complex - is a natural extension of their properties, and therefore, the presence of unfamiliar individuals or unusual activities can cause feelings of unease or mistrust.

By being knowledgeable of the routine activities that take place around us and maintaining open lines of communication with our neighbors, we can get better at determining what is normal or legitimate and what is potentially a cause for alarm. Among the activities and behavior that one should be on the alert for are:

Individuals:

- going door-to-door, sometimes claiming a wrong address
- walking down the street while peeking into car windows or pulling on door handles
- entering side or back yards of homes
- loading items into a vehicle in a rushed manner
- detaching parts of accessories from a vehicle
- hiding behind a car, tree or other object

Vehicles:

- slow moving and repeatedly traveling up and down a street
- idling at the curb with people waiting inside

WHAT NUMBER TO CALL

Call 9-1-1 when reporting a crime in progress or life-threatening situation, or the regular station line (909) 595-2264 when providing information about suspicious behavior or activities, or a crime that has already taken place. Be prepared to provide a description for the activity that includes date, time, location and suspects involved, as well as their mode of travel (car, bicycle or on foot)

WHAT OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE AND REPORT



approximate age

height and weight

hair color and length

clothing and accessories

other (facial hair, tattoos, scars)



color, make and model

body type and year

license plate number

direction of travel

other (marks, dents, stickers)



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