

**BE ALERT FOR  
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

**TO REPORT AN  
EMERGENCY  
OR  
A CRIME IN PROGRESS  
DIAL 9-1-1**

*Don't hang up until directed  
to do so by the dispatcher*

**TO REPORT  
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR  
A NON-EMERGENCY  
707-528-5222**

**MAIN PHONE  
707-543-3600**



# Reporting Suspicious Activity



**707-543-3600**



**WRITE IT DOWN**

**What happened?  
When?  
Where?  
Is anyone hurt?  
Vehicle license plate?  
Direction of travel?**

**DESCRIPTION OF  
PERSON**

Sex : \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Complexion: \_\_\_\_\_

Build (heavy, skinny):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Scars, tattoos, etc.:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Clothing:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Unusual Characteristics  
(glasses, beard, jewelry):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Weapon:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Location last seen:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Direction of Travel:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION OF  
VEHICLE**

2 DOOR	4 DOOR	CONVER	VAN
TRUCK	SPORTS CAR	STATION WAGON	
MOTORCYCLE		OTHER	
MAKE		YEAR	
FULL SIZE		COMPACT	
COLOR: TOP BOTTOM			
LICENSE #:		STATE:	
HOW MANY IN VEHICLE?			
WERE THEY: MALE FEMALE			
UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS (DENTS, MARKS, LIGHTS, BUMPER STICKERS):			
LOCATION LAST SEEN:			
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL:			

**IMPORTANT**

Your accurate descriptions of suspects or vehicles provide Police Officers with the PROBABLE CAUSE needed to make an effective arrest.

# WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- ⇒ If you see a crime being committed, report it immediately and accurately.
- ⇒ If you are a victim of a crime, report it as soon as possible. Even a five minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the chance of catching the criminal.
- ⇒ Don't hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong.
- ⇒ Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions turn out to be unfounded. Think what could happen if you don't act.

## \*\*SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES\*\*

- Vehicles moving slow, without lights, or if the course followed appears aimless or repetitive.
- Parked and occupied vehicles containing one or more persons at an unusual hour.
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables if parked in front of a closed business or unattended residence.
- Any abandoned vehicle—it could be stolen.
- Vehicles containing weapons.



## \*\*SUSPICIOUS PERSONS\*\*

- Someone running from a car or home.
- Someone screaming; even if you can't determine what the screams are.
- A person who seems to have no purpose wandering in the neighborhood.
- Business transaction conducted from a vehicle especially around schools or parks. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen property.
- Offers of merchandise or services at ridiculously low prices (if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is).
- A stranger in a car stopping to beckon to a child.
- A child resisting the advances of an adult.
- Persons attempting to forcibly enter a locked vehicle, especially at night or in a parking lot.
- A burglar alarm sounding.
- Going door to door in a residential area and one or more subjects going into a back or side yard; even more suspicious if another subject remains in the front yard when this occurs.
- Waiting in front of a house or business that is closed or unoccupied.
- Forcing entrance to or tampering with a residence, business or vehicle.
- Non-resident going into the back or side yard of a house that is not theirs.
- Someone running away with merchandise.
- Exhibition of unusual mental or physical symptoms.



- Property being removed or being placed into vehicles or buildings at unusual hours or places where the home or business owner is absent.



## \*\*OTHER SITUATIONS\*\*

- Continuous "repair" operations at a non-business location.
- Open or broken doors or windows at a closed business or residence.
- Unusual noise (gunshots, screaming, sounds of a fight, barking dog, or anything suggestive of foul play, danger, or illegal activity).
- Persons detaching accessories from a vehicle especially if around schools or parks.
- Heavy foot traffic to and from a residence, suspicious only if it occurs on a daily or very regular basis, especially during late or unusual hours.

## \*\*INVOLVING PROPERTY\*\*

- Property in homes, private garages, storage areas is suspicious if accumulations are large or otherwise unusual.
- Property in vehicles that is in excess of what is normally found in a vehicle (TV sets, multiple stereos, auto parts, etc.).
- Property carried by persons on foot (walking or running) when it is at an unusual hour or in an unusual place.

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