

Giving a good description

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or acting suspiciously.



If a crime is happening now, call **Triple Zero (000)**.
If not, think **Policelink** report **online** or via **131 444**.

What should you do

If you witness anyone committing a crime or observe suspicious behaviours, write down what you see as soon as possible. Keep a record of the date and time of your observations as this can be important if you are required to give a statement to police. If you see a crime being committed, follow these steps:

- When safe to do so, contact police.
- Keep calm and give your name, address and telephone number.
- Report what is happening and where.
- Stay on the phone.
- If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening.

Describing a person

When giving a description, it is important to try to build a complete picture of the person from head to toe. Use the person descriptors on the reverse side as your guide and take note of the following features:

- Gender and age group.
- Body frame size.
- Haircut and colour.
- Clothing.
- Any distinguishing features such as scars, tattoos or glasses.

Describing a vehicle

If a vehicle is being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour, it is important to take note of the following:

- Vehicle registration.
- Colour.
- Make and model.
- Any damage or rust.
- Any distinguishing signs or text.
- The direction of travel of the vehicle.

Person Descriptors

Age	15–20	20–30	30–40	40–50	50–60	60+
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Build	Thin	Average	Solid	Large	Male	Female
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Hair	Colour	Type	Length	Condition
	black brown grey sandy blonde red	straight wavy curly afro dreadlock	bald shaved short medium long	clean thick thinning scruffy greasy

Height	In centimetres	In inches

Eyes	Colour	Type	Eyebrows	Glasses
	black brown grey green blue hazel	wide bulging narrow squint deep set	bushy joined thin thick shaved	clear plastic tinted metal dark

Look	Appearance	Skin colour	Skin type
	clean greasy pimpley olive acne

Description & Colour

Clothing	Upper body outer garment	Upper body inner garment	Lower body	Headware	Footware	Gloves

Features	Scars	Tattoos	Other
	Description:	Description:	Description:
	Location:	Location:	Location:

Other	Posture	Movement	Face	Eyes	Speech
	stooped straight	jerky normal limp	twitch normal	blinking normal glancing	slow fast stutter slurred accent

Items on person eg bags, accessories, weapons

Description:..... Description:

Location: Location: