

WHAT TO REPORT

Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it.

Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours. If you see similar activities occurring, we recommend that you call and report it to police.

A person carrying property; such as electronic equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.

Someone going door-to-door in an office building or residential area without the appropriate identification; or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; this person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.

Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; especially at night.

Transactions being conducted at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis.

One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; they may be lookouts for a possible crime in progress, a burglary or robbery or planning a crime in the future.

Someone being forced into a vehicle; this could be domestic violence, human trafficking or an abduction.

A person showing unusual mental or physical symptoms; the person may be injured, have been in an accident, be under the influence of illegal drugs or prescribed medications, or need other medical or psychiatric help.

Unusual noises; alarms, gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.

REPORT ANY CRIMINAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE, NO MATTER HOW UNIMPORTANT YOU BELIEVE IT IS.

Who do I call?

In an emergency: For Police, Fire or Ambulance. If it is happening now, phone Triple Zero. Where life or property is threatened or in danger.	000 106 (For hearing and speech impaired)
For all non urgent police assistance: To report an offence or other matters requiring police attendance.	131 444
Domestic violence related matters: This can include: - physical abuse - damage to property - sexual abuse - verbal abuse - harassment or intimidation - financial abuse, or - threatening to do any of these things.	131 444
Hoon behaviour: Dangerous driving includes speeding, illegal street racing, burnouts, playing loud music from car stereos, marine hooning and drink driving.	131 444
Crime Stoppers: For anonymous reporting.	1800 333 000

For more information and security tips or to contact your State or Territory Neighbourhood Watch office, go to the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia website:

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**IF A CRIME IS HAPPENING NOW,
A LIFE IS BEING THREATENED,
OR THE OFFENDER IS STILL IN THE AREA,
CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000)**

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR



A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

HOW TO REPORT

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WHO TO REPORT IT TO



Neighbourhood Watch

A PERSON ISN'T SUSPICIOUS - THEIR BEHAVIOUR IS!



WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.



GIVING A GOOD DESCRIPTION

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

When giving a description it is important to try and build a complete picture of a person from head to toe; it is important to take note of the following features:

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Body frame/build
- ✓ Appearance/look
- ✓ Distinguishable clothing
- ✓ Haircut and colour
- ✓ Facial hair
- ✓ Scars, tattoos or glasses
- ✓ Approximate height
- ✓ Voice characteristics / speech / language
- ✓ Body language

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Use the chart below as a guide to assist with giving a good description.

DON'T FORGET THE VEHICLE

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

- ✓ Vehicle registration
- ✓ Vehicle colour, make and model
- ✓ Distinguishable artwork or graphics
- ✓ Any damage or rust
- ✓ Direction of travel
- ✓ Driver / occupant
- ✓ Take note of bullbars, roof racks or towbars etc

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ✓ Keep calm
- ✓ Record date, time and location of the incident
- ✓ Report where and what is happening
- ✓ Stay on the phone
- ✓ If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening
- ✓ Take photos with a camera or mobile device, only if it's safe to do so
- ✓ Do not approach the person directly

DESCRIPTION CHART

Use the following chart to help you know what to look for when giving a good description.

SEX	AGE	BUILD	HAIR		HEIGHT	EYES		LOOK	CLOTHING	MARKINGS	POSTURE	MOVEMENT	FACE	SPEECH
Male	15-20	Thin	COLOUR Black Brown Grey Sandy Blonde Red	TYPE Straight Wavy Curly Afro Dreadlock	5' 152 cm	COLOUR Black Grey Blue Brown Green Hazel	TYPE Wide Narrow Deep set Bulging Squinting Blinking	APPEARANCE Active wear Trades wear Casual attire Business attire	Upper body	Scars	Stooped	Jerky	Glasses	Slow
	20-30				Lower body				Fast					
	30-40	Average			5'5" 168 cm				SKIN COLOUR Fair Tanned Dark Olive	Headwear		Tattoos	Normal	Twitching
40-50	Footwear		Slurred											
Female	50-60	Solid	LENGTH Bald Shaved Short Medium Long	CONDITION Clean Thick Thinning Scruffy Greasy	5'8" 177 cm	EYEBROWS Bushy Thin Shaved Joined Thick	GLASSES Clear Tinted Dark Plastic Metal	SKIN TYPE Clean Greasy Pimpley Acne	Gloves	Piercings	Straight	Limping	Facial hair	Accent
	60+				6' + 182 cm +									