



CRIME PREVENTION

Our community is always concerned about crime and ways to improve our vigilance. There are ways to help protect your home and your neighborhood from crime. Simple steps like keeping your doors locked, starting a Neighborhood Watch program, and many more easy actions or things that you and your family can do to prevent crime. For instance: be alert, know your neighbors and watch out for each other, report suspicious activities and crimes to the police or sheriff's department, get to know your security company and the services it provides to the community, and learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

How to report incidents?

1. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.
2. Give your name and address.
3. Explain what happened.
4. Briefly describe the incident including details like the description of the the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
5. Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color; make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers.

Work with your neighbors to keep your neighborhood clean and orderly. With many law enforcement agencies cutting costs, it has never been more important for citizens to work together to prevent crime. Always remember that watch groups are not vigilantes and should not assume the role of the police. Their duty is to ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring—and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police.

