

Neighbourhood Crime Prevention

Reporting Crime and Suspicious Activities

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What Should I Look for In My Neighbourhood

The following is a list of common signs of suspicious or illegal activity. Alone, they do not always mean illegal activities are taking place. However, if these events occur frequently, or if they occur together, there may be a problem.

Look for:

- Frequent visitors at all times of the day and night
- Frequent late night activity
- Windows blackened or curtains always drawn
- Visitors with expensive vehicles
- Unfriendly people who appear to be secretive about their activities
- People watching cars suspiciously as they pass by
- Extensive investment in home security
- Strange odours coming from the house or garbage
- Garbage that contains numerous bottles and containers, particularly chemical containers
- Neglected property and yard
- Suspicious or violent incident where someone could be hurt
- Suspicious persons going door to door
- Suspicious people in back yards
- Open/forced door or window
- Slow moving vehicles cruising a block during the day, at night without headlights
- Vehicles without plates or with severe damage
- Apparently abandoned vehicles
- Individuals that may appear to be lurking around a particular business/residence
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle



If you are suspicious of a property in your neighbourhood, do not investigate it yourself, notify police.



Three Steps to Follow

Observe: Know what to watch for

Report: Call Police

Record: Write down the information