

The following are some major crime prevention tips that are suggested by all Police Departments. *Lewis Surveillance now pass them pass them on to you!*

- ✓ Be alert to unusual or suspicious behavior in your neighborhood. Call the police/sheriff immediately, if warranted. Write down descriptions of the person(s) and license numbers of any vehicles involved.
- ✓ Tell a trusted neighbor if your house will be unoccupied for an extended period. Tell him or her how to reach you in an emergency.
- ✓ Look after your neighbors' homes when they are away, and ask them to look after yours. This includes picking up mail or newspapers and putting back the garbage cans or recycling bins, and turning lights on and off if there is no automatic timer.
- ✓ Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings often. Your local crime prevention officer will teach you about local crime trends and what you can do about them.
- ✓ Get involved. It is the most effective way to reduce or prevent crime and make your neighborhood safe.

Remember, your job is to report crime.

- Eyewitness information is the key to solving many crimes. The following tips will assist you when reporting crime to your local law enforcement agency.

Call the police/sheriff immediately.

- A five-minute delay can reduce the chance of ever catching the criminals.

Tell the police/sheriff as much as you can.

- No fact is too trivial. In many cases, it is what the victims and witnesses tell law enforcement about the criminal that results in an arrest. You may be asked the following when reporting crime:
 - ✓ Who, What, When, Where?
 - ✓ How many suspects were there?
 - ✓ Can you describe the suspects?
 - ✓ Can you describe their vehicles?
 - ✓ What was/were the license plate number(s)?
 - ✓ What did they do?
 - ✓ What did they say?
 - ✓ What did they take?
 - ✓ Which way did they go?



Sometimes, due to limited resources and personnel, the police/sheriff may not be able to respond immediately. They have to prioritize their calls based on apparent danger to human life. Don't be discouraged. They will get to you as soon as possible. Do not attempt to stop or detain the suspect(s) yourself.

What is Suspicious?

Basically, anything that seems even slightly "out of place" or is occurring at an unusual time of day or night could be criminal activity.

Obvious Things to Watch For

- ✚ A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
 - ✚ A scream heard anywhere may mean robbery or assault.
 - ✚ Offers of merchandise at unusually low prices may mean stolen property.
 - ✚ Anyone removing accessories, license plates, or gas from a car should be reported.
 - ✚ Anyone peering into parked cars may be looking for a car to steal or for valuables left in the car.
 - ✚ Persons entering or leaving a business place after hours.
 - ✚ A sound of breaking glass or loud explosive noises could mean an accident, burglary or vandalism.
 - ✚ Persons loitering around schools, parks and secluded areas could be sex offenders. Persons loitering in the neighborhood who do not live there.
 - ✚ Anyone forcing entry into, or tampering with a residence, business, or vehicle should be reported.
- Some Things to Watch for That Are Not So Obvious - Strangers and Solicitors
 - Check identification of all solicitors, meter readers, and repairmen prior to allowing them entry into your home. Be suspicious of alleged deliverymen with a wrong address or asking if someone lives there.
 - Someone Carrying Property
 - If it's at an unusual hour, or in an unusual place, or if the property is not wrapped as if just purchased. Someone Going Door-to-Door In Your Neighborhood



Watch for a while.

- If after a few houses are visited, one or more persons tries a door to see if it is locked, looks into windows, or goes into a back or side yard, it could be a burglar. Call police immediately; don't wait for the person to leave.

One or More Juveniles Walking Through the Neighborhood

- Looking into Automobiles or Backyards.

Traffic to and From a Certain Residence.

- It is not suspicious unless it occurs on a daily basis or very regular basis, especially during late or unusual hours.
- Any Person Taking a Shortcut through a Backyard

Any Vehicle Moving Slowly and Without Lights, or Following a Course That Appears Aimless or Repetitive in Any Location But particularly in areas of schools, parks and playgrounds. Occupants may be looking for places to rob or burglarize, or they could be drug pushers or sex offenders.

Parked, Occupied Vehicles Containing One or More Persons.

- If it is an unusual hour they could be lookouts for a burglary in progress.

An Abandoned Vehicle

- Parked on Your Block. May be a stolen vehicle.



Suspect Description Form

Sex: Race: Age: Height: Weight:

Hair:

Color: Length: Type: Style: Sideburns:

Eyes:

Color: Glasses: Type:

Face:

Complexion: Mustache: Beard:

Ski Mask: Stocking/Mask:

Other:

Tattoos:

Amputation:

Scars/Marks:

Speech/Accent:

Distinguishable Gait/Limp:

Bag/Backpack, etc.:

Clothing:

Cap/Hat:

Coat/Jacket:

Shirt/Tie or Blouse:

Pants:

Skirt:

Dress:



Shoes:

Stocking:

Gloves:

Jewelry:

Purse:

Weapons:

Handgun/Knife etc.:

Vehicle Description Form

License Plate:

State:

Number:

Make:

Model:

Year:

Body Style (2-door, convertible, etc.):

Color:

-Identifying hubcaps, wheels, dents, scratches, bumper stickers, decals, etc.:

