

Here is some important information that is most needed:

- ◆ What happened
- ◆ When
- ◆ Where
- ◆ Is anyone injured
- ◆ Vehicle license plate number
- ◆ Vehicle description
- ◆ Direction of travel
- ◆ Description of persons (including clothing): When describing suspects, include age, race, sex, height, and weight. Compare your weight and height with that of the suspect(s). Focus on unique characteristics, such as tattoos, scars, or markings.

Not every stranger who comes into your neighborhood is a criminal. There are legitimate door-to-door salespeople and service personnel, but criminals can take advantage by impersonating business representatives. Ask to see a city permit or a company I.D. card. After all, if a criminal looked like a criminal, no one would have any trouble spotting them.

HELP US HELP YOU

If you need assistance, call:

Emergency 911

**24 Hour Non-Emergency
(714) 741-5704**

**Garden Grove
Police Department
Community Liaison Division**

**11301 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840**

(714) 741-5761

(714) 741-5762

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What Is Suspicious?



Help the Garden Grove Police Help You

The Police Department needs your help to make our neighborhoods safer. We are depending on you to call and report suspicious persons and/or actions.

Some community members do not call the police simply because they are not aware that seemingly innocent activities might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and hesitate to call out of fear of appearing like a "nosy neighbor" or "crank." Some people may even assume that someone else has already called the police.

Make the call yourself. Contact the Garden Grove Police Department immediately to report all suspicious activity. Think about what may happen if you don't act.

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Anything that seems even slightly "out of place" in your area for the time of day during which it typically occurs may mean criminal activity.

Some of the most obvious signs to watch for and report include:

- ◆ A call for help.
- ◆ The sound of breaking glass or other loud explosive noises.



- ◆ A stranger going door to door and checking door handles, or entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- ◆ Any vehicle driving slowly without lights on at night, in residential or commercial areas.
- ◆ Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more persons are especially significant if observed at an unusual hour. They could be possible lookouts for a burglary in progress, even if the occupants appear to be lovers.
- ◆ Unfamiliar vehicles parked in your neighborhood for some time.
- ◆ Anyone peering into parked vehicles, removing accessories, license plates, or gasoline from a car.

- ◆ Persons entering or leaving a business after hours with vans or trucks backed up to a door or garage.
- ◆ Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas, or in neighborhoods.
- ◆ "Repair" operations at a non-business location.
- ◆ A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms may be injured, under the influence of drugs, or needing medical or psychiatric assistance.

While some of the suspicious situations described may have lawful explanations, the Police Department would rather investigate a crime-prone situation than be notified when it is too late. Your call could save a life, prevent an injury, or stop a criminal act.

