

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 need to 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 held 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 or an abduction.

A person showing unusual mental or physical symptoms; he or she 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.

WHO TO REPORT IT TO

If you witness anyone committing a crime or observe suspicious behaviours, write down what you see as soon as possible. Keep a record of the time and date of your observations.

These details can be important when giving a statement to police, and can help piece together a chain of events, assist with gathering evidence and possibly the quick apprehension of offenders.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

- 1 CRIME STOPPERS ON 1800 333 000**
WWW.CRIMESTOPPERS.COM.AU
- 2 POLICE ON 131 444 (IN VICTORIA CALL 000)**
- 3 IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES TELEPHONE 000**

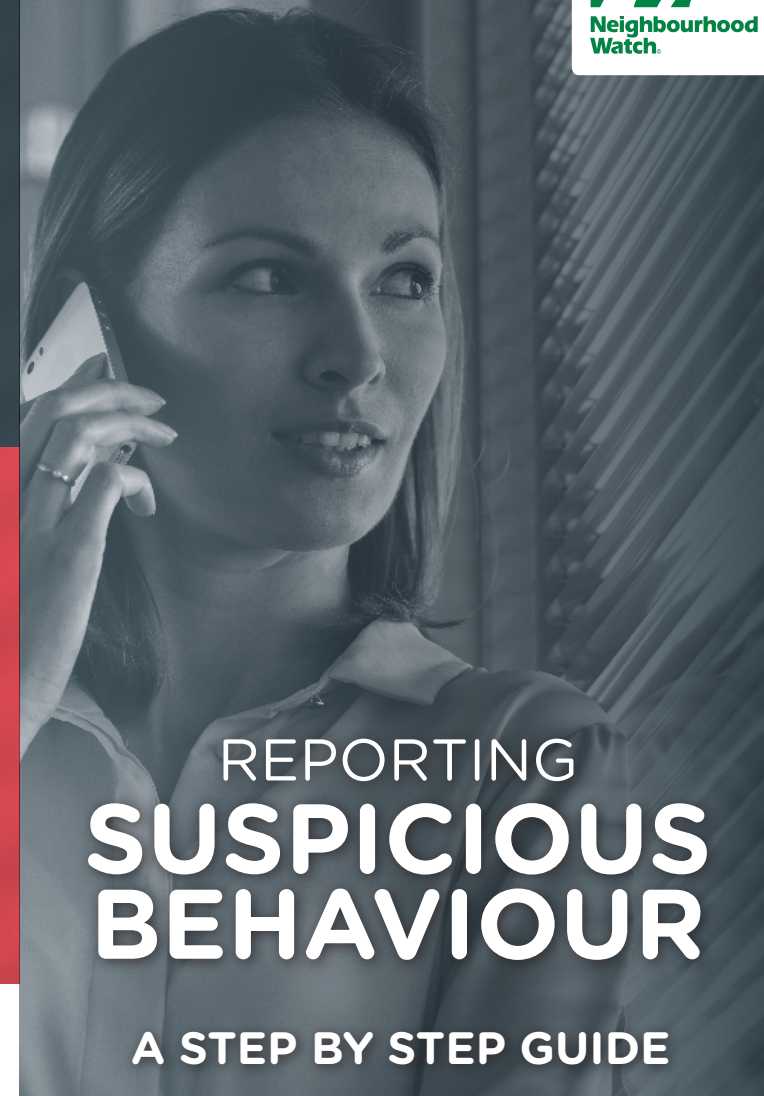


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A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

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REMEMBER IF WHAT YOU SEE IS AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000 (TRIPLE ZERO) IMMEDIATELY AND ASK FOR POLICE

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:

- ✓ Male or female
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Body frame/build
- ✓ Appearance/look
- ✓ Distinguishing 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
- ✓ Distinguishing signs or artwork / graphics
- ✓ Any damage or rust
- ✓ Direction of travel
- ✓ Driver/occupant
- ✓ Take note of bullbars, roof racks, towbars etc.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ✓ Keep calm
- ✓ 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 camera or mobile device, only if safe to do so
- ✓ Do not approach the person directly.

DESCRIPTION CHART >

You could 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
	Lower Body								Fast					
	20-30	Average			5'5" 168 cm				EYEBROWS Bushy Thin Shaved Joined Thick	GLASSES Clear Tinted Dark Plastic Metal		SKIN COLOUR Fair Tanned Dark Olive	Headwear	Tattoo
30-40	Footwear													
Female	40-50	Solid	LENGTH Bald Shaved Short Medium Long	CONDITION Clean Thick Thinning Scruffy Greasy	5'8" 177 cm	SKIN TYPE Clean Greasy Pimpley Acne		Gloves	Piercings	Straight	Limping	Facial Hair	Accent	
	50-60													
	60+													