

Information Most Often Needed

- What happened?
- When?
- Where?
- Is anyone injured?
- Vehicle license number
- Direction of flight
- Description of persons

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT
BEING WRONG.**

**THINK WHAT COULD HAPPEN
IF YOU DON'T ACT.**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL YOUR LOCAL CRIME
PREVENTION UNIT**

**SANTEE SHERIFF'S STATION
CRIME PREVENTION UNIT
(619) 956-4019**

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Reporting Suspicious Activity



and Crime

Law enforcement cannot overcome crime without the support of citizens individually and as a community. When you help the Sheriff's Department, you are also helping yourself to keep from becoming a victim of a crime. It's a community responsibility!



**San Diego
Sheriff's Department**

Your Help Is Needed

If you see a crime being committed, report it immediately and accurately. If you are a victim of a crime, report it as soon as possible. Even a five minute delay in reporting can significantly reduce the chance of catching the criminal.



Don't hesitate to call if you think something may be wrong. Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions turn out to be unfounded. Think what could happen if you don't act.

Be Alert For Suspicious Activity

- Someone running from a car or home.
- Someone screaming. Even if you cannot determine what the screams are, call the Sheriff's Department and report it.
- A person who seems to have no purpose wandering in the neighborhood.
- Any unusual or suspicious noise that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass, pounding, the sound of gunfire, or a dog barking aggressively.

- Business transaction conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen property.
- Offers of merchandise or services at ridiculously low prices. (If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is).
- Strangers carrying property from residences or closed businesses.
- Strangers entering a neighbor's home in an unusual manner (through a window, kicking the door down, breaking a window, etc.) or going into the back or side yard of the home especially when the neighbor is not at home.



- A stranger in a car stopping to beckon to a child.
- A child resisting the advances of an adult.
- Abandoned vehicles which are possibly stolen cars.
- Persons attempting to forcibly enter a locked vehicle, especially at night or in a parking lot.
- A burglar alarm sounding.
- Excessive traffic to and from a residence, especially during unusual hours.

Write It Down

- As soon as possible, write down everything you can remember. Don't rely on your memory. It's very easy to get things mixed up or forget details - especially if you were the victim.



- Be as exact as you can and try to avoid guessing. Wrong information is worse than no information at all. Keep the following description of persons and vehicles handy where you can find it when needed.

How To Report Suspicious Activity

The phone number to report
suspicious activity is

(858) 565-5200

- Describe the event as briefly as possible: what, where, when, how and who did it.
- Allow the dispatcher to ask questions and direct the conversation.
- Do not hang up until directed to do so by the dispatcher.

**If it's suspicious,
call the Sheriff's Department!
You may save a life or stop a crime!**

**Remember, suspicious
activity is different than
a crime in progress . . .**

**To Report A
CRIME IN
PROGRESS
Dial 9-1-1**

Describe your emergency briefly.
Do not hang up until directed to
do so by the dispatcher.



**To Report
SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY
OR A
NON-EMERGENCY
Dial (858) 565-5200**

Description of Person



Sex _____
Race _____
Age _____
Height _____
Weight _____
Hair _____
Eyes _____
Complexion _____
Scars, etc. _____
Weapon _____

Clothing _____

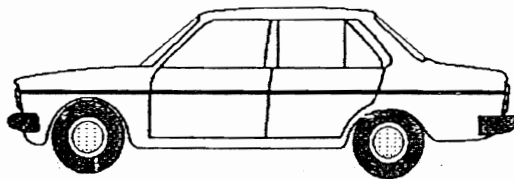
Build (PotBelly, Skinny) _____

Location last seen _____

Direction of Travel _____

Unusual Characteristics (Glasses,
Beard, Jewelry, etc.) _____

Description of the Vehicle



2 Door _____ 4 Door _____

Convert/ Van _____

Truck _____

Sportscar _____

Station Wagon _____

Motorcycle _____

Other _____

Make _____ Year _____

Full Size _____ Compact _____

Color-Top _____ Bottom _____

License # _____ State _____

License Color _____

How many in vehicle? _____

Male _____ Female _____

Unusual Characteristics (Dent, marks,
lights, bumper stickers) _____

Location last seen _____

Direction of Travel _____

