

Help Law Enforcement Professionals Keep Watch in OUR Community

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE MY NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER?

1. **Residents need to watch over each other and the neighborhood.** Keep your eyes and ears open. Be aware of strangers or unusual activity in your neighborhood. Post the non-emergency police complaint number near your phone for quick access. Work with local law enforcement.
2. **Report anything unusual or suspicious to the local authorities:**
 - Screams or calls for help
 - Someone looking into cars or homes
 - A stranger removing items from unoccupied homes
 - Vehicles cruising slowly or without lights
 - A stranger stopping to talk to a child

Call 911 for a suspected crime in progress.
Call 935-3311 for a non –emergency complaint.

3. **Be observant and know how to best report something suspicious in your neighborhood:**
 - Quickly explain what happened
 - Give your name and address
 - Describe the suspect's gender, race, age, height, weight, hair color, and clothes. Include distinguishing features like facial hair, scars, tattoos, an accent
 - If a vehicle is involved report the color, make, model, year, license plate number, and distinguishing features like dents or bumper stickers
4. **Get to know the people who live on your street.** Just the basics, so that you know who belongs on your street and who doesn't. Be able to recognize the vehicles that belong on your street. Know the normal routines for your street.
5. **Know when your neighbors are out of town,** especially if they are gone for months at a time. Know when they are expected to return.
6. **Mark valuable items in your home with an identifying number** to discourage theft and help police track down stolen articles. Take pictures of your valuable items and keep them in a safe place for identification purposes and insurance claims in case of a robbery.

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REMEMBER:

Calling the HSCA office is not the same as calling a local law enforcement agency. Crime must be reported to the proper authorities. Unfortunately there is little or nothing the office staff can do to help you when Federal, State, or County laws are broken. They are happy to assist you with issues relating to our by-laws, covenants, conditions and restrictions.

What kind of things should I report to the HSCA office?

- A broken water line, the unusual sound of running water
- Fire
- Trees fallen over roadways
- Missing road signs within HSCA boundaries

What kind of things should I report to the police?

- Excessive barking of dogs
- A suspicious stranger in your neighborhood
- Abandoned/ derelict vehicles in the neighborhood

Animal problems/ loose dogs should be reported to the Humane Society 966-5458. Their 24 hour Emergency Service number is 934-5577.

Traffic signs, markings and streetlights outside of our boundaries are reported at 961-8341.



Resources:

The preceding information came from several sources

Online: ADT Security Services

Safety Tips / Neighborhood Watch Programs

HSCA Office Staff

HSCA Community Relations Committee