

Scripps Ranch Civic Association Neighborhood Watch



Observation Skills

- **Practice good observation skills and notice what is unusual**
 - **Cars** – make, model, color, license plate, unusual characteristics (e.g., dents, bumper stickers), number of occupants, etc.
 - **People** – height, weight, gender, age, race, eye color, hair color, hair length and style, clothing, unusual characteristics (e.g., tattoos, missing teeth, scars, glasses)
 - **Exact Location** - exact street address and nearest cross street
 - **Date and Time** - note when this occurs

- **Recognize suspicious activity, people and vehicles - report immediately**
 - Illegal or suspected illegal activities
 - A stranger loitering around schools, parks, trails, secluded areas or anywhere
 - A vehicle repeatedly cruising the streets (slowing and/or stopping irregularly)
 - Someone looking into cars or windows
 - A high volume of traffic to and from a home on a daily basis
 - Strange odors coming from a house, building or vehicle
 - Open or broken doors and windows at an unoccupied residence
 - Persons arriving or leaving from a home at unusual hours
 - Signs of forced entry
 - Business solicitors not displaying a SDPD issued valid registration card, or operating between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
 - Runner not wearing normal exercise clothing
 - Carrying property at an unusual time and place (down a street or from a canyon)
 - Exhibition of unusual mental or physical symptoms
 - Offering goods for sale at very low below-market prices
 - Making a quick change of vehicles

- **Know when to report to either 9-1-1 or (858) 484-3154 for non-emergencies**
 - **If the crime is in progress or if the suspect is still around, call 911.**
 - **If the crime has already occurred and the suspect is gone, call the police non-emergency line (858-484-3154).**

