

Working With The Police

WHAT do I need to tell them when I call?

- **WHAT** happened?
- **WHEN** did it happen?
- **WHERE** did it happen? Be specific; street address or general area.
- **WHO** did it?



Suspect Description:

- Race/sex
- Clothing
- Height/weight
- Hair color
- Other identifying marks/traits



Vehicle Description:

- Color
- Make/Model/Year
- License plate number
- Direction of travel
- Anything unusual about vehicle



Do I have to give my name, address or phone number?

No; however, it is helpful to have that information in case we need to re-contact you for additional information.

Will the officer stop and talk to me?

Not unless you specifically request it. If you want to talk to the officer, tell the dispatcher when you call in.

WHAT NUMBER DO I CALL?

911

If it IS a life-threatening emergency

480-644-2211

If it IS NOT a life-threatening emergency

480-644-2030

For general Information

**DON'T JUST CALL...
CALL WITH INFORMATION.**

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS



When and Why YOU should call the Police Department

Mesa Police Department
Crime Prevention
www.mesaaz.gov/police

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CONCERNING PERSONS

ACTIVITY	POSSIBLE CRIME
Going door-to-door in a residential neighborhood.	Possible "Door-Knock" burglary suspects.
Waiting or loitering in front of closed businesses or unoccupied houses.	Possible burglary suspects or trespassers.
Forcing entrance into an unoccupied home.	Possible burglary or theft suspects.
Person carrying property, especially if running or at an unusual hour.	Possible suspect fleeing from the scene of a crime.
Screaming or loud voices.	Possible rape, assault or domestic violence situation.
Loitering near schools/parks.	Possible sex offender.
Items or services for sale at very low prices.	Possible stolen property or fraudulent scheme.
Heavy traffic to and from a specific residence on a regular basis.	Possible drug house or stolen property operation.
Continuous repair operations at a non-business location.	Possible stolen property being altered.
Forcing entry into a locked vehicle, especially in a parking lot.	Possible theft of car or its contents.
Person acting unusual.	Possibly ill, on drugs or medical condition.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CONCERNING VEHICLES

ACTIVITY	POSSIBLE CRIME
Driving slowly and aimlessly throughout a residential neighborhood.	Possible burglary suspects or sex offender.
Parked, occupied vehicles; especially at unusual hour.	Possible burglary suspects or sex offender.
Vehicle driving at night without lights on.	Possible burglary suspect.
Person being forced into a vehicle.	Possible kidnapping, assault, or attempted rape.
Abandoned vehicles parked on your street.	Possible stolen vehicle.
Objects thrown out of a vehicle.	Possible disposal of contraband.
Business transaction being conducted out of a vehicle.	Possible sale of drugs or stolen property.
Vehicle parked in front of an unoccupied home or closed business being loaded with valuables.	Possible burglary or theft in progress.
Vehicles being operated with a cracked steering column or screwdriver in the ignition switch.	Possible stolen vehicle.
Sound of breaking glass.	Possible burglary or theft.