



Reporting Suspicious (336) 773-7700 Activity

You ARE our eyes and ears!

Lets Face It...

The population in 2008 for the City of Winston-Salem was estimated at 227,834 people. The current number of sworn police officers today is about 530. That's about 430 citizens to one police officer. This is why the police need your help. Regrettably, the police can not be on every street corner every second of the day. For that reason, it is extremely important that you report any and all suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible.

What is Suspicious Activity

Suspicious activity is something that does not fit in. It is something that catches your attention. It is something that does not normally occur in your neighborhood. It could be someone looking into windows, someone removing items from a house under construction, etc. If you see such activity, call the police as soon as possible.

Go with that gut feeling

Understand everyone may have a different feeling about suspicious activity. Use your intuition. If you ask yourself "should I call the police?" go ahead and give us a call.

Reporting Information

When reporting suspicious activity do so through our non-emergency number (336) 773-7700 or through 911. Please remember to include your name and phone number when calling in. By doing this, it will allow an officer to re-contact you if we need further information. While you can remain anonymous, it could limit our ability to fully investigate your call.

Other Important Phone Numbers

Crime Stoppers
(336) 727-2800
Spanish Line
(336) 728-3904

Victim's Assistance
(336) 773-7860
Field Services Bureau
(336) 773-7800

Suspicious Sounds

In addition to things that you see, remember what you hear.

- Screaming
- Yelling for help
- Gun Shots
- Prying, pounding, forcing sounds
- Breaking Glass
- Alarms
- Someone being hit or beaten

Describing a Vehicle

When calling to report a suspicious vehicle please include the following:

- Make
- Model
- Year
- Color
- Style (2 Door, 4 Door, Van, SUV)
- Tag Number
- Identifying Marks (Body Damage, Bumper Stickers, Broken Lights)

Describing a Person

When calling to report a suspicious person please include the following:

- Height
- Weight (Body Build, Posture)
- Clothing Description (Hat, Gloves, Mask, Shoes)
- Facial Hair
- Scars, Marks, or Tattoos
- Weapon use (Handgun, Pistol, Long Gun, Shotgun)
- Disabilities (Limping, Spoke with Accent)