



Fort Myers Police Department 911 or 239-321-7700 Recognizing and Reporting Suspicious Activity

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY- FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCT!

One of the most important roles you have as a member of our community is to report suspicious activity.

How do you determine what is suspicious activity? A suspicious activity is when a person's conduct or action does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of our neighborhood- an occurrence that is out of place and should not be happening in our neighborhood.

REMEMBER- If you observe something unusual or think something looks 'wrong', report it. **DON'T HESITATE TO CALL 911! FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCT!** You **WILL NOT** get in trouble with the police- and you **WILL** be doing a service to your community!

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AS SUSPICIOUS AND CALL THE POLICE!

1. A person or vehicle stays in the same place for an unusual length of time.
2. A parked car with the engine running- regardless of a person inside or not.
3. A person behaves strangely or exhibits unusual movements, looks out of place, or is wandering aimlessly.
4. A person concealing an object, carrying a weapon or suspicious bag.
5. A person looking into cars, moving from car to car, and/or tries door handles.
6. A person looking into windows of homes, or forcibly entering a car or home.
7. A person running from a home for no apparent reason, especially at night.
8. A person carrying/transporting unusual/valuable objects, day or night.
9. A person sells/conducts business out of their car, van, truck, or other vehicle.
10. A vehicle drives around your block frequently, slowing down, speeding up.
11. A vehicle without lights on, arriving or leaving at night.
12. A person you don't know offering candy or gifts to children.
13. A person leaving a neighbor's house who isn't the neighbor or someone you recognize or uniformed.
14. Unusual sounds such as scream, shouts, or barking dogs
15. Anyone being forced into a vehicle or a stranger talking to kids

Many activities can be considered suspicious. And, there could be reasonable explanations for some suspicious activities. By thinking things through, being observant and using commonsense, you will be able to make a good judgment about whether an activity is suspicious. Your role as a concerned citizen is to report whatever you think is wrong or suspicious.

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call 911. Remain calm. Avoid taking any risks. Your safety is most important. Keep away from the crime scene to preserve evidence.

When you call to report a suspicious activity, you will be asked for your name, address, and telephone number. This information is requested to verify records or in case additional contact becomes necessary.

TRY TO REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

What happened?

Time and place?

Was anyone hurt?

Description of suspect(s)

Description of vehicle(s)

License plate number

Time and direction of travel

Additional details and circumstances

REMEMBER! REMEMBER! If it is suspicious to you, it's suspicious to the police. It is better to be safe than sorry.