

Reporting suspicious activity

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or anything that appears to be unusual or out of place.

Every piece of information regarding suspicious behaviour is important. It may seem insignificant to you, but it could prove vital to an investigation, arrest and prosecution – so try to take note of the following:

- gender
- approximate age
- hair - colour / style
- build - body frame / height
- appearance – complexion / clothes / facial hair/ tattoos / glasses
- voice – language / speech
- vehicle - number plate / make / colour / model / condition / direction of travel
- anything suspicious being carried, for example a bike / computer

What you should do

- if it is an **emergency** dial **000**
- contact **ACT Policing** on **131 444** if you require police assistance because you are witnessing a crime
- keep calm
- report where and what is happening
- stay on the phone
- note time, date and any of the above descriptions
- if you can safely do so, keep watching
- if you have information on suspicious behaviour or criminal activity, call **Crime Stoppers** on **1800 333 000** or make an online report at crimestoppersact.com.au

TAKE OWNERSHIP ... and together we can help keep our community safe!

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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For all life-threatening situations or emergencies requiring immediate attendance of ACT Policing or other emergency services

131 444

If you wish to report a crime, or for contact with ACT Policing and possible assistance where there is no immediate danger

1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers - If you have information about any illegal / criminal activity or suspicious behaviour you can call Crime Stoppers or make a report on-line at crimestoppersact.com.au. You can remain anonymous if you wish

ACT Policing: police.act.gov.au
Crime Stoppers: crimestoppersact.com.au
SES: esa.act.gov.au



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**Fostering Safer
Communities**



What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is a community-based crime prevention program.

NHW aims to reduce the incidence of preventable crime, particularly property crimes and crimes against the person.

It involves a group of residents working together to contribute to the wellbeing of a neighbourhood by promoting a sense of safety and security in the community.

Benefits of Neighbourhood Watch in your Suburb

A Neighbourhood Watch group ...

- cares about what happens in neighbourhoods
- develops community spirit
- provides a voice for the community
- improves communication between ACT Policing and the community and seeks to improve the quality of information provided to ACT Policing
- provides community education about safety, security and well-being, through regular newsletters
- encourages reporting of crime and suspicious activity to ACT Policing
- encourages people to correctly identify and record all personal and household items of value
- distributes crime prevention messages
- seeks to improve and monitor the levels of personal safety and household security in any given local area

How do I get involved with Neighbourhood Watch?

Complete the membership application form, available at nhwact.org.au

To find out about your local group or how you can facilitate or start up a NHW group in your area, contact:



enquiry@nhwact.org.au



www.facebook.com/NHWACT

BE AWARE
PROTECT YOURSELF
HELP EACH OTHER
REPORT ALL INCIDENTS

Crime prevention is everybody's responsibility ... and it's simple!

- Communicate with your neighbours regularly
- Evaluate the safety and security of your home and take steps to improve your home security
- Keep informed of local crime prevention information and share this with your neighbours
- Mark all of your property for identification
- Report all unusual or suspicious activity

CRIME PREVENTION ... It's
everyone's business!

Why do we need Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch encourages:

- safe and caring neighbourhoods
- security and safety awareness
- reporting of unusual or suspicious behaviour to ACT Policing
- residents to be conscious of what is happening around them
- identification marking of all property
- everyone playing a part in keeping our neighbourhoods safe and secure

You can make a difference ... join Neighbourhood Watch

- Become part of your local community
- The more members the greater the voice
- Membership is free

ACT Neighbourhood Watch
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IT'S YOUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD
Care for it!!!