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Fostering pride and respect in our local community

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From the Committee to one and all; belated best wishes for 2024

Be ALERT and please REPORT IT!!!!

Report any suspicious activity, person or vehicle to Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000** or online at act.crimestoppers.com.au. If a crime is in progress or police attendance is required, it should be reported promptly to the police on **131 444**.

Crimes can also be reported online (preferably) at either the 'report a crime' tab at www.police.act.gov.au or the 'report crime online' link at act.crimestoppers.com.au or direct to a police station. For record purposes, we encourage you to also indicate that you are a Neighbourhood Watch member when reporting incidents or providing information.

It is important to report all suspicious activity no matter how trivial it may appear. A particular incident may be one part of other related incidents and this report may lead police to apprehend offenders. It is worth noting that a very higher percentage of crimes in the ACT are solved through reports to Crime Stoppers.

What do I report?

It is important to notice and report any identifying features of suspicious people or vehicles. The more distinguishing features noticed the better to assist patrolling police with their enquiries.

These can include such things as gender, height, wearing glasses, shape, hair, clothing, any particular traits or characteristics such as walking with a limp, stooped etc.

Similarly for vehicles, any additional details including number plate, size of vehicle, SUV 4-wheel drive, sedan, station wagon, hatchback, colour, any damage or conspicuous features in the paintwork, significant wheels etc.

Furthermore, and **MOST IMPORTANT**, if you notice a child or animal trapped in a hot vehicle, please call **000** to ensure prompt attention from both ACT Policing and ACT Ambulance.



Triple Zero

Emergency, police, fire
or ambulance



131 444

For police assistance



1800 333 000

Crime Stoppers



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Crime types

Homicide

Is the unlawful killing, attempted unlawful killing or conspiracy to kill another person. This includes murder, attempted murder and manslaughter causing death.

Assault

Any act (excluding attempted murder and those resulting in death) which are intended to cause non-fatal injury or harm to another person and where there is no sexual or acquisitive element.

Robbery

The unlawful taking of property, with intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property, from the immediate possession, control, custody or care of a person, accompanied by the use, and/or threatened use, or immediate force of violence.

Burglary

The unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit an offence, where the entry is either forced or unforced. A structure is defined as a building that is contained by walls and can be secured in some form. This includes (but is not limited to) a dwelling (e.g. a house, flat, caravan), office, bank, shop, factory, school or church.

Motor vehicle theft

The taking of another person's motor vehicle illegally without permission, with the intent of temporarily or permanently depriving the owner/possessor of the use of the motor vehicle. This includes the theft of a motor vehicle, illegal use of a motor vehicle.

Traffic Infringement Notices

Traffic Infringement Notices are issued for traffic related offences such as driving over the speed limit, not wearing a seat belt and driving while using a hand held mobile phone.

Theft

The unlawful taking or obtaining of money, goods, services (other than from motor vehicles) or non-motorised vehicles, without the use of force, threat of force or violence, coercion or deception, with the intent to permanently deprive the owner/possessor of the use of the money or goods. Additionally, the taking of another person's motor vehicle parts or its contents illegally, whether or not this also involves the taking of the motor vehicle.

Sexual assault

Physical contact, or intent of contact, of a sexual nature directed toward another person where that person does not give consent, gives consent as a result of intimidation or deception, or consent is proscribed (i.e. the person is legally deemed incapable of giving consent because of age, temporary/permanent (mental) incapacity or there is a familial relationship).

Other offences against a person

Acts intended to threaten or harass, or acts that unlawfully deprive another person of their freedom of movement, that are against that person's will or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person. This includes abduction and kidnapping, deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment, and harassment and threatening behaviour.

Property Damage

The wilful and unlawful destruction, damage or defacement of property excluding pollution. This includes property damage by fire or explosion, graffiti or other method.

Other Offences

All other offences including but not limited to, deception and related offences, environmental offences, weapons offences, drug offences, public order offences and driving offences.

ACT Domestic Violence Crisis Service (DVCS)

24/7 Crisis Intervention

What we do

We provide 24/7 crisis intervention services to anyone who is experiencing, or has experienced, domestic and family violence. Our crisis services are provided 365 days a year and include:

- telephone support
- attendance with police at domestic and family violence incidents
- access to safe emergency accommodation
- safety planning
- referrals to support services.

When you call us you will speak to someone specially trained in crisis intervention and support who understands domestic and family violence—someone who will listen and believe you. We understand that everyone's situation is different, and there is no 'one size fits all' approach. We understand that relationships are very complex. We do not pressure people to leave. We do not pressure them to call police or involve the courts.

Concerned family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and medical and allied health professionals are also very welcome to call our 24/7 telephone crisis line for information and guidance on how to [support someone](#)

How we help

Our conversations with people are non-judgmental, practical and focused on you and your needs. We talk to people about their history, current fears and safety concerns, children and families, accommodation, health, finances, legal issues, hopes and intentions for the future.

We:

- provide accurate information about your rights
- talk about ways to improve safety
- explain the different support services that are available
- help you access safe emergency accommodation
- link you to other support services that can help you (eg. counselling, visa issues, legal advice, financial advice etc)
- won't make you do anything you don't want to—the choice is always yours.

We also work closely with ACT Policing and are available to attend domestic and family violence incidents to provide support to victims and their families who ask for our services.

What does it cost

These services are provided free of charge.

Contact us

To access our crisis intervention services call our 24/7 crisis telephone line **02 6280 0900**. If it isn't urgent another contact option is to email crisis@dvcs.org.au; this email is only monitored during business hours. You are welcome to call us reverse charges. If you live outside the ACT please call **1800RESPECT**.

We do not make any sound recordings of our conversations. You do not need to give us your name, but if you do we make notes that we spoke to you. If you are unsure, please let us know at the start of the call and we can tell you about our confidentiality policy.

Thank you! The Committee wishes to acknowledge and express its sincere appreciation to the following for their continued invaluable support.

McIntyre Property (Col McIntyre)

For generously sponsoring the printing of the Gordon NHW Newsletter.

Newsletter Deliverers

Without your significant voluntary contributions we simply would not be able to deliver the Newsletter to the post boxes of the more than the 3,000 residents of Gordon.

It is important to note that Neighbourhood Watch Newsletters are classified by the ACT Government as 'Community Information' and therefore are able to be delivered to all letter boxes regardless of notices to the contrary on any particular letterbox. However, should a resident expressly ask a Deliverer not to deliver the Newsletter then we will abide by the complainant's request. In order to facilitate this, the complainants address will be required.

AN EXCERPT OF CRIME STATISTICS

A = assault. **AO** = assault other. **AR** = arson. **B** = burglary. **BT** = Bicycle theft. **CD** = criminal damage.
GBH = grievous bodily harm. **MVT** = motor vehicle theft. **N** = number plate theft. **OT** = other theft.
PD = property damage. **ST** = shop stealing.

MINA WYLIE	N	14/10/23
TRAVERS	PD	01/10/23
SID BARNES	PD	02/10/23
STACE	PD	01/10/23
FAVELL	PD	08/10/23
KNOKE	PD	08/10/23
TRAVERS	PD	09/10/23
BLINKHORN	PD	25/10/23

BENSTEAD	AO	07/12/23
OXENHAM	AO	15/12/23
NOEL RYAN	AO	26/12/23
STACE	AO	26/12/23
ROBERT LEWIS	B	31/12/23
VIOLET GROVER	BT	01/12/23
VAN PRAAG	OT	01/12/23
LEWIS LUXTON	OT	25/12/23

HANSEL	AO	14/11/23
MINNETT	AO	16/11/23
CHEVALLEY	MVT	23/11/23
STAN RAY	OT	17/11/23
THOMAS HALES	OT	20/11/23
FINGLETON	OT	20/11/23
JIM PIKE	PD	27/11/23

SCARFE	AO	26/01/24
KNOKE	B	03/01/24

Are you a member of ACT Neighbourhood Watch?
If not, please think about joining today - IT'S FREE!
Go to <http://www.nhwact.com.au/> and download a membership form.

Newsletter Deliverers always welcome!

Approximately one hour of your time every 2 to 3 months is all it takes to contribute positively to your local community. For further information, contact us at: gordon@nhwact.com.au

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The aims of Neighbourhood Watch: To help people to protect themselves and their properties and to reduce the risk of crime by means of improved home security, greater vigilance, accurate reporting of suspicious incidents to the ACT Policing and Crime Stoppers and by fostering a friendly community spirit.