

Robinson Ranch Neighborhood Watch Tips - Reporting Suspicious Activities

If an incident, individual, vehicle or circumstance seems out of place or unusual or makes you feel uncomfortable, ***do not hesitate to call the dispatch at 949-770-6011 and report it.***

Let law enforcement make the decision on what response to take. Your responsibility as a concerned citizen is to help the police help you.

The key here is to become aware of one's surroundings and notice when circumstances are unusual. We do not want to be paranoid but we do want to be aware, be involved and be prepared.

Why Report Suspicious Activity?

- Because citizens play an integral role in protecting their community.
- Because law enforcers alone cannot be aware of the activities that are occurring in a community.
- Because citizens have an advantage in knowing their own neighborhoods and defining what activities are "unusual" that should be reported.
- **Never place yourself or others in harm's way in order to gain information.** Stay safe.
- Write down as much information as possible noting how many people are involved, if anyone is injured, and descriptions of individuals and vehicles that are involved.
- Suspicious activity can refer to **incidents, events, individuals, or circumstances** that seem unusual or out of place.

Some examples of suspicious activities include:

- *A stranger loitering in your neighborhood or a vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly.*
- *Someone peering into cars or windows.*
- *A high volume of traffic going to and coming from a home on a daily basis.*
- *Someone loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas.*
- *Strange odors coming from a house or building.*
- *Someone tampering with electrical, gas or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle or uniform.*
- *Sounds of breaking glass, gunshots, screaming or fighting.*
- *Strangers removing license plates or loading valuables into vehicles from a residence even if the moving truck looks legitimate.*