

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

WHAT TO REPORT

All Neighborhood Watch programs rely on citizens within the community who are willing to work with the Grand Junction Police Department in establishing crime-free neighborhoods. We need attentive people reporting suspicious or crime activities within their community. Listed below is what to look for and how to efficiently report that information to the police department. **If you have an emergency, call 911. To report a non-emergency incident, call 242-6707.**

What Should Neighbors Look For?

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Unusual noises that are not common to your area
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars
- Cars, vans or trucks moving slowly through an area with no apparent destination, or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- Abandoned cars – no license plates, items removed
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Items being removed from closed houses where no one is home or you know they are on vacation
- Suspicious people that do not appear to belong
- Suspected narcotics activities

How to Report

The above incidents need to be reported to the police. You may also want to mention these situations to your Coordinator or Block Captain so they can be discussed at your next Neighborhood Watch meeting. The information listed below is very important when reporting an incident or crime to our dispatch. Call 911 if you witness an “in-progress” crime. If you see something suspicious call 242-6707 and explain what you see to the dispatcher.

- Give your name and address
- Briefly describe the event – what happened, when, where and who was involved
- Describe the suspect: sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars, tattoos or accents
- Describe any vehicles involved: license plate, color, make model, year (older/newer), special features such as stickers, dents, tinted windows, decals, custom paint
- Direction of travel of the suspects or vehicles

The more detailed information you are able to provide the better the chances are the police can locate and/or follow up on a given situation. Practice observing a situation and describing to yourself what you see. See if after a couple of minutes you can recreate a description of people you saw, vehicles and other details as to their location, direction, etc.