

WHY FILE A REPORT?

A direct communication between our community and the Renton Police Department is an essential partnership to keep our community safe. Your cooperation in filing a report will allow the Renton Police to protect life and property, suppress criminal activities and capture fugitives.

HOW TO REPORT A CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call 9-1-1 and provide as much of the following information as possible:

- » **Your name (or you can remain anonymous)**
- » **Your location and the phone number where you can be reached**
- » **A brief description of what occurred, including the time and location**
- » **Number of suspects**
- » **A physical description of the suspect(s)**
 - Gender, race, age, height, weight, hair color and length, clothing, facial hair, tattoos, etc
 - Notice distinct features, such as scars, nose shape and jewelry
- » **Description of vehicle**
 - License number, make, model, color, and noticeable damages
 - Direction of travel

POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION

You can contact the Renton Police Department in three ways: by phone, in person, or online.

Emergencies: 9-1-1

Non-Emergencies: 425-235-2121

Renton Police Station (Open 24 hours)
1055 South Grady Way or 425-430-7500



For more information, contact
Community Programs
425-430-7520 or 425-430-7521

Renton Police Department
1055 South Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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- » An unknown vehicle abandoned on your street. This may be a stolen car.
- » Someone going door-to-door in your neighborhood. If a person tries to open doors, looks into windows, or goes into the back or side yard, it could be a burglar.
- » One person remains in the front of a house or business while the other person goes into the back or side yard, or if there is a car following a few houses away.
- » Anyone peering into parked cars may be looking for a car to steal or for valuables left in the car.
- » Vehicles driving slowly and/or without lights, or following a course that appears undirected, particularly near a school, park or playground.
- » Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more people. If it's an unusual hour, they could be look-outs for a burglary in-progress.

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?

Suspicious activity is anything that seems slightly “out of place” and can occur at anytime of day or night. This may include:

- » Open or broken doors or windows at an unoccupied residence or closed business. This could be a possible burglary.
- » The sound of breaking glass or loud explosives. This could mean an accident, burglary or vandalism.
- » Unknown subject entering an unoccupied residence or business.
- » A vehicle being loaded with valuables and parked in front of an unoccupied residence or closed business.

- » A person taking a shortcut through a back or side yard. They may have broken into a home.
- » Someone loitering around a school, park, neighborhood or secluded area. It could be a sex offender or drug dealer.
- » Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle could indicate a possible drug transaction.
- » Anyone being forced into a vehicle. This could be a possible kidnapping.
- » People quickly changing vehicles. They may be eluding the police or abandoning a stolen vehicle.

Never approach a person that appears to be engaged in suspicious activity.

Immediately call 9-1-1.

“While some suspicious activities could have innocent explanations, the Renton Police Department would rather investigate the situation than to be called when it is too late.”

