

Emergency Call

9-1-1

For Emergency Service

Fire
Crime in Progress
Medical Emergency

Non - Emergency

(416) 808-2222

For anything that is not an immediate threat to life or property such as parking complaints, a noisy party, lost and found property and suspicious people in the area not engaged in criminal activity.

What if you don't speak English?

If a caller is not able to speak English and are able to advise what language they do speak, the 911 operator will be able to connect the call to an interpreter. They have access to about 140 different languages.

For further information regarding
Suspicious Persons, please contact:
42 Division Community Services Office
at 416 808-4220 or 416 808-4296



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42 Division

**COMMUNITY
ALERT!!**

A HOME NEAR YOURS HAS
BEEN BROKEN INTO

What are the reasons for someone to be on your
street?

Living there
Working there
Visiting there
Passing/Walking Through
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

What makes a person a suspicious person?

- Knocking on a home door and asking for a random name or address
- Hanging out in an area in close proximity to a home or vehicle
- Walking slowly along the street appearing to case properties
- Looking into cars and walking onto personal property
- Cars driving around aimlessly, or parked with people sitting inside

What to do if you see a suspicious person?

- Observe the persons movements and direction of travel
- Obtain the best detailed description possible
- Contact Police
- Do not count on others calling Police
- Police welcome direction from the community on pointing out suspicious people in their neighbourhood. You are not a bother to Police; neighbour safety is a priority issue
- Community members need to collaborate with police in an effort to keep their streets and homes safe

Break and Enter criminals want to verify that the home they are planning on entering is unoccupied, therefore they will knock on the front door (increasingly getting louder) until they are satisfied that there is no one at home. If the door is not answered, they will usually force it open, enter and steal property. If someone answers they will use an excuse such as asking for a random name or directions. If there is a knock at the door, verify the identity of the person through a peephole or window before you open it. If you do not wish to answer it, acknowledge the knock by:

- turning a porch light on and off
- moving a curtain or window covering
- turning on the radio or television loud enough to be heard by the person knocking
- speaking through the door and asking who and what is their reason for knocking on your door.

If you feel the answer they give you is suspicious, try to obtain a description and direction of travel, then report it to the police.

If you see someone near your home or your neighbour's home who does not seem to have a reason for being there, please call the police immediately so we can make sure they are not committing a crime.

If you see someone doing something you know is illegal or you locate an unauthorized person in a secured area, call the police right away. The sooner you call us, the sooner we can get to you, and the better our chances are of locating the person you saw.

If you observe a suspicious person, try to get the best possible description of them as you can.

Start at the top and work your way down noticing as many distinguishing features as possible. In addition to describing the person, note the direction he is travelling if he leaves the area before you can call us. If the person approaches a vehicle, try to get the license plate number.

If you see someone that is suspicious, note the following:

What they look like?

- **Male or female**
- **Age, height**
- **Hair colour, hair style, facial hair**
- **Build – thin, medium, heavy, muscular**

What they are wearing?

- **Colours, Logos, Patterns, Jewellery**

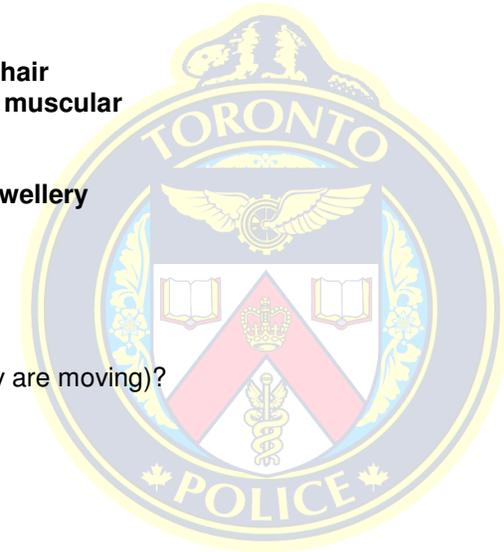
What they are doing?

Where they are now?

What direction they are heading (if they are moving)?

What type of vehicle are they using?

- **Licence plate, if possible**
- **make, model, colour**



WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT CONFRONT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON YOURSELF