

GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU DETERMINE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

The Friendswood Police Department has repeatedly told residents to call if they suspect criminal activity—even if it is a false alarm. *So when in doubt, DON'T approach the situation yourself, but call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number 281-996-3300 and report it!*

What Is Suspicious?

It is difficult to give you an IRON CLAD definition of SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES, PEOPLE or VEHICLES. Each person must decide if the facts of the situation make what is happening SUSPICIOUS. When trying to decide if it IS SUSPICIOUS or NOT always apply the...

REASONABLE PERSON RULE:

Would any other reasonable person think that what is going on would be suspicious? IF you answer YES, then it is in fact SUSPICIOUS.

Property

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Potential Criminal Activity</u>
• Property in homes, garages or storage areas is suspicious if accumulations are large or items are in good condition but not in use	Stolen Property
• Property offered for sale at a very low price	Stolen Property
• Property in vehicles that is not normally found in vehicles especially if observed at an unusual hour examples: TV sets, stereos, guns or auto parts	Stolen Property
• Property carried by persons on foot, especially suspicious at an unusual hour or unusual place. Very questionable if person is running and or burglary or robbery property is unwrapped.	Property just stolen
• Property being removed from or loaded into a vehicle or building on a consistent basis. Especially at an unusual hour or from a closed business or unoccupied residence.	Burglary or theft in progress
• Continuous repair operations at a non-business location	Stolen property being altered
• Open or broken doors and windows burglary or vandalism.	Burglary in progress, completed
• Unusual noises such as dogs barking continuously	Burglary, assault, rape, etc.
• Sound of breaking glass	Burglary or vandalism
• A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms	Person may be injured, under the influence of drugs or otherwise needing medical attention

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Persons

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• Person going door-to-door-----	Burglary
• Person waiting or loitering in front of residence-----	Burglary
• Person running from building, especially if something is being carried-----	Suspect may be fleeing the scene of a crime
• Person carrying property that is not wrapped, at an unusual hour-----	Burglary or Robbery
• Traffic in/ out of a specific residence if it occurs on a daily or regular basis-----	Drug Location
• Person loitering around cars or going car-to-car peering inside-----	Auto Theft/Burglary Motor vehicle
• Persons offering residents merchandise for sale at low prices-----	Sale of Stolen Property
• Persons loitering by secluded areas-----	Sex Offenders
• Strangers loitering or driving through a property-----	Burglary
• Delivery person with a wrong address or one who inquires about resident-----	Burglary

Vehicles

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Potential Criminal Activity</u>
• Slow moving vehicle, without lights or if the course followed appears aimless. ----- This is suspicious in any location including residential streets, schools and playgrounds.	Burglar, drug pusher or sex offender
• Parked or occupied vehicle containing one or more persons, especially significant ----- if observed at an unusual hour	Lookout for a burglary or robbery.
• Vehicles being loaded with valuables-----	Burglary or theft in progress
• Abandoned parked vehicles-----	Stolen vehicle
• Vehicle where a business transaction is being conducted-----	Selling stolen items or drugs
• Locked vehicle that someone is attempting to forcibly enter, especially----- in a parking lot	Auto Theft/Burglary of Motor Vehicle
• Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories from a vehicle-----	Theft or vandalism
• Objects thrown from a vehicle-----	Disposal of contraband