

HOW to REPORT a CRIME

1. For **EMERGENCIES** and **IN-PROGRESS CRIMES** dial 911. For Suspicious Activity, People, or Vehicles call 577-7434.
2. Identify yourself – name, address, telephone number
3. You **CAN** remain **ANONYMOUS**, but **ASK TO BE ADVISED BY PHONE**
4. Type of crime or activity
5. “In-Progress” or “Has Occurred”
6. Where? Be specific.
7. Description of Suspect(s), how many, whether armed...
WRITE IT DOWN!
8. Description of Vehicle(s), tag number, dents
9. Direction of travel – use landmarks (towards or away from)
10. Stay on the line as long as possible.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

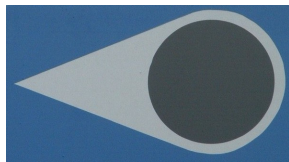
- 1) Person looking into cars, homes
- 2) Person forcibly entering cars or buildings
- 3) Sounds of:
Breaking Glass, Gun Shots, Screams, Explosions, Spray Cans, Barking Dogs, Loud Parties
- 4) Person carrying Weapon
- 5) Loiterer who doesn't belong near homes or schools
- 6) Persons carrying or selling items which might be stolen
- 7) Strange vehicles passing through, odd hours, parked with occupants, abandoned
- 8) Door to Door Salesmen
- 9) Persons photographing infrastructure (terrorist targets)



Protect Your Car from Thieves

- Park in a Well Lit Area
- Burn House Lights
- Trim Bushes to 3ft.
- **ALWAYS** Lock the Car and Take the Keys!
- Never Leave the Car Running Unattended!
- Close Windows and Sunroofs!
- Use "The CLUB"
- Use Locking Gas Caps and Lug Nuts
- Secure ALL Electronic Devices- TAKE INSIDE (or Put in Trunk):
Cell-Phones/ Chargers
Stereo Faces & CDs
GPS, I-Pods/Chargers,
Laptop Computers,
Cameras, etc.





Protect Your Home from Burglary

- Burn Outside Lights
- Trim Bushes to 3ft.
- Keep Windows and Doors Locked, Sheds and Garages locked, whether or not you are home
- Give impression you are home, even if you are not: Use timers for lamps and radios
- Don't Hide Keys
- Secure valuables and Electronics from outside view (curtains, blinds)
- Use Safes / Bank Deposit Boxes for Jewelry & Valuables
- Know Your Neighbors
- Join or Start a Neighborhood Crime Watch (call 769-7407 for Information)

CALL CHARLESTON POLICE

911 or 577-7434

If you see Suspicious Persons/Activity

Safety from Con-Artists

1) If approached by a stranger offering to share money with you, leave, call Police Immediately

2) Do not respond to "lottery or sweepstakes winnings" you did not enter.

3) Do not deposit checks you get in the mail from strange companies, particularly if they want you to send some **BACK TO THEM.**

4) Do not buy from door-to-door salesmen, particularly if they do not have City Permits

5) Do not give personal information over phone or computer to anyone requesting it unless you initiated the call to a trusted company.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



CALL

911
or
577-7434

If you see Suspicious Persons/Activity or an "In-Progress" Crime

FOR MORE INFO CALL THE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE AT 769-7407 OR LOG-ON TO WWW.CHARLESTON-PD.ORG

