

Other Unusual Situations

- Continuous repair work at unusual locations may indicate stolen property being stripped or altered.
- Subjects detaching parts or accessories from vehicles.
- Broken windows of a business or residence when owners are absent.
- Noises such as gunshots, screaming, arguing, and barking dogs.
- Offers of merchandise or services at extremely low prices. (If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is)
- Heavy foot traffic to and from a residence at late or unusual hours may indicate drug or illicit activity.

Situations Involving Property

- Large amounts of property in private homes or garages may indicate stolen property, especially if items are in good condition but are not in use.
- Property not normally found in vehicles (TV sets, un-mounted CD players, loose auto parts, etc.).
- Property carried by persons is not suspicious in general, unless it is at an odd hour or in an unusual place. It is particularly questionable if the person is running and the property is not wrapped (as if just purchased).

Your Help Is Needed

- While some suspicious situations could have innocent explanations, the Irvine Police Department would rather investigate than be called after it is too late.
- If you witness or are a victim of a crime, report it as soon as possible.
- As soon as possible, write down anything and everything you can remember. Do not rely on your memory. It is easy to get mixed up or forget details.

What Does Suspicious Look Like?



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Suspicious Vehicles

Occupied or unoccupied vehicles may be suspicious or indicate a crime in progress. When you see a suspicious vehicle, try to remember the make, color, and license plate. Write down as much information as possible. Use the checklist below as your guide.



- Vehicles being loaded with valuables, including those appearing legitimate such as repair or moving vans, may be involved in a theft or burglary, especially when occurring at an unusual hour or location.
- Vehicles making aimless or repetitive movements, particularly near schools, parks or playgrounds, may indicate the occupant is "casing" the area for possible theft, burglary or other criminal activity.
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle, especially involving youth around schools or parks, may be indicative of drug or stolen property sales.
- Abandoned vehicles may be stolen.
- Persons being forced into vehicles may signify an assault, domestic violence, or even a possible kidnapping.
- A stranger in a car stopping or slowing to talk to a child.

Suspicious Vehicles Checklist

MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____

COLOR(S): _____

LICENSE PLATE #: _____ LIC. STATE: _____

DOORS: _____ # OF OCCUPANTS: _____

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

DESCRIPTION: _____

LAST SEEN LOCATION: _____

Suspicious Persons



The following behaviors may indicate a suspicious person:

- Peering into parked cars, or attempting to open car doors.
- Loitering in front of, casing, or entering or leaving businesses after hours may indicate a burglary.
- When you know your neighbors are not home, anyone entering their house could possibly be a burglar.
- Door-to-door solicitors refusing to show a business license, seen peering into windows or entering side or rear yards.
- Anyone but a known-owner forcing entry to residence, business or vehicle.
- Claims to be with a government agency or utility company without proper uniform or identification.
- A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms may be under the influence of drugs.

Suspicious Persons Checklist

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE RACE: _____

AGE (APPROX): _____ HEIGHT: _____ WEIGHT: _____

HAIR: _____ EYES: _____ COMPLEXION: _____

TATTOOS/SCARS: _____

WEAPONS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

LOCATION LAST SEEN: _____

UNUSUAL CHARACTERISICS: _____

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL: _____