

# Vernon Crime Prevention

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### WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY???

Essentially, suspicious activity can be defined as actions or scenarios that do not make sense or things or people that appear out of place. For example, unusual sounds (including screaming, fighting or breaking glass); a person peering into windows or cars; someone sitting in a parked vehicle for a long period of time; door to door solicitations without proper ID; a person who changes their behavior when seen. If it's suspicious to you, it is worth calling 911.

### More examples of Suspicious People

- Wandering around the area attempting to open multiple doors
- Seeming nervous and looking over their shoulders
- Claiming to represent a utility company, but not wearing a uniform, no identification and does not have a company car
- Carrying property at an unusual hour or location, especially if they are attempting to hide the item
- Using binoculars or other devices to peer into apartment and home windows
- Driving a vehicle slowly and aimlessly around the area
- Sitting in a vehicle for extended periods of time or conducting transactions from a vehicle
- Abruptly changing behavior when seen
- Dressing inappropriately for the weather or occasion (having a coat on when the temperature is warm, etc.)
- Leaving packages, bags or other items behind
- Exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms
- Unusual noises like screaming, yelling, gunshots or glass breaking
- Individuals in a heated argument, yelling or cursing at each other



## Examples of a Suspicious Vehicle

- Plates attached with bolts or hanging by a string or missing
- Dirty plates on a clean car or vice versa
- Steering column tampered with, smashed windows, damaged tires/wheels
- Engine left running and no one inside
- Damage to lock or door to gain entry to the vehicle
- Parked in an odd way. At an angle or wrong side of the street; up on a curb. Appears that it was parked in a hurry
- Slow moving, without lights, aimlessly cruising in any location, including residential streets, schools, playgrounds
- Parked by a business or unoccupied residence, being loaded with valuables
- Abandoned in your neighborhood
- Someone, especially a female or juvenile, being forced into a vehicle
- Business transactions taking place in or out of the vehicle
- Persons detaching mechanical parts or accessories
- Driving recklessly
- Odd property seen in vehicles such as TV's, stereos and electronics, weapons



**Vehicle Identification**  
**QUESTIONS TO ASK**

**Colour**

**Damage**

**Markings**

**Model**

**Make**

**Shape**

**Registration**

**For stolen vehicles - please ask:**  
Is the vehicle equipped with a tracking system?  
How much fuel is in the vehicle?

Together we can do our part and be “extra eyes and ears” for the police.

