



**Following are examples of behaviors that sometimes indicate criminal activity.**

Be aware of things that you know are not quite right for your neighborhood/community.

It is important to remember that if you see anything suspicious to call **9-1-1**.

**The police department won't know about it, if you don't call.**

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# BE AWARE BE ALERT BEWARE

- For yourself
- For your family
- For your neighbors
- For your community



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# Suspicious Activity

Be Aware. Be Alert. **Beware.**



## Suspicious Vehicles:

- Slow moving vehicles, vehicles without lights, aimless or repetitive driving patterns – suspicious in any location; particularly in parks, schools, play grounds
- Vehicles being loaded with valuables especially when parked in front of closed business or unattended residence – even if it looks like a legitimate commercial vehicle
- Abandoned vehicle
- Vehicles with broken windows, front and back license plates don't match, doors left open or with damaged or missing locks, damaged steering columns
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle, especially those involving juveniles or take place around schools and parks
- Persons, especially if juveniles and females, being forced into a vehicle
- Objects thrown from a vehicle, especially when being driven at a high rate of speed

## Property Crime:

- Property, especially large items being carried by persons on foot – especially if property appears to be recently purchased
- Property being removed from homes when the owners are known to be absent or at work
- Items accumulating in private garages, storage areas or on property – particularly if items are in good condition and not being used
- Open or broken windows/doors at closed businesses or residences where owners are absent

## Suspicious Persons:

- People going door-to-door in residential area – at odd hours of day/night, cannot provide a solicitor's license, pick and choose which houses to visit, one stays in front of house while other walks around back
- Person waiting in front of house or business when its closed or owners are absent
- Forcing entrance to or tampering with residence/ business doors, windows, vehicles
- Person looking in windows of parked cars in neighborhoods or parking lots

## Drug Activity:

- Unusually large amount of traffic coming to building/residence – often at strange hours; traffic usually quick and for a short time
- Visitors who may pound on doors or shout to be let in, or someone will come out and meet them
- Finding drugs or drug paraphernalia (needles, pipes etc) in the area
- Repeated, observable exchanges of items, especially where money is visible
- Offers to sell you drugs or you overhear conversations about drugs
- Noxious, toxic odors or musty smells coming from or around building/residence
- Building/residence where additional or unusual changes seem to have been made, such as ventilation pipe coming from basement, covered windows
- Building/residence where extreme security measures have been taken
- Building/residence where no owner or primary renter is apparent; no home activities such as yard work, painting or maintenance

## What to do:

- Always call 9-1-1 if you see/hear anything suspicious. – being proactive and calling about suspicious activities that seem out of the ordinary or ongoing activity that often accompanies crime, helps the police track patterns and prevent crimes before they occur.
- Keep an activity log that includes information about the suspicious activity/people: address of activity, license plates, descriptions of suspicious vehicles, descriptions of people
- Take steps to prevent crime from happening to your home, vehicle and other property: keep all residence doors and windows locked – use secondary locking devices keep outside of home well lit, including back and side yards remove all valuables from vehicles – including GPS units and holders, ipods, laptops, tools, mail, shopping bags etc.

**For more information and crime prevention tips:  
KentPoliceu.com**

## File Police Reports On-Line

Using the Kent Police Department on-line reporting system, you can report incidents such as: harassing phone calls, theft, vehicle tampering, identity theft, hit and run, vandalism, lost property, theft from vehicle.

**To file an on-line report or see if it's right for you,  
go to [KentWA.gov/police](http://KentWA.gov/police)**

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