

how to be a good witness



STAY SAFE

Avoid confrontation and keep a safe distance while calling 911. Your primary role is to observe and report, not to intervene. Use discretion to avoid alerting suspects that they are being watched.

PROMPTLY REPORT

Contact us immediately when you observe suspicious behavior. Provide clear and concise information, including the time, location, and nature of the activity. Provide clear personal and vehicle descriptions including the last direction of travel that you saw them going.

WORK WITH NEIGHBORS

It's crucial to collaborate with your neighbors and exchange information about any suspicious activities. Familiarizing yourself with your neighbors can help you identify which vehicles are regularly seen in your area and which ones might be unfamiliar.

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THE 5-W'S

The 911 Operator will need the 5 W's:

- WHERE is the emergency?
- WHAT is exactly happening?
- WHEN did this happen?
- WHO is involved - Descriptions of persons and vehicles & license plates.
- WEAPONS- Were there weapons used and where are they now?

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USE TECHNOLOGY

Take photos or videos if it is safe to do so. Surveillance cameras, smartphones, and other recording devices can capture crucial evidence that can be useful for law enforcement.

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REMAIN CALM

When reporting an incident, stay calm and provide information in a clear and organized manner. Being calm helps ensure that you convey accurate and helpful information to the authorities.

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