

## What Can I Do To Help Prevent Crime In My Neighborhood?

- The best thing is to just meet all your neighbors, including renters.
- Get organized with your neighbors with Neighborhood Watch or a similar program. Neighborhood Watch is sponsored by the Sheriff's Office, and provides information, training and support.
- Report all crimes and suspicious activity to the Sheriff.



## Report It—If You Don't Report It, You Support It

The Sheriff can only respond to things they know about. It is far better to report something that you are concerned about and have it turn out to be nothing, than to not report it and find out that a crime was committed against one of your neighbors.

## What Is Suspicious Activity?

- Someone running from a building or car.
- Strangers removing things from buildings or cars.
- People on foot or bikes wandering around a neighborhood or looking in the windows of cars or buildings.
- Strangers going into the side or back yard of a neighbor's house when they aren't home or at night, or going in through a window or forcing a door.
- Cars driving slowly at night with lights off.
- Noises like glass breaking, alarms, yelling or screaming, gunshots (call 911).
- Many short stay visits to a house or building (possible drug activity).
- Abandoned vehicles or bikes.

## What Should I Look For?

The more information the Sheriff has the more effective they can be. As soon as possible after an event or even while it is happening, write down everything you noticed. Don't rely on remembering it later.

- Note the time, how long the event took, and exactly where it happened.
- Note sex, age, hair color and length, facial hair, weight and build, tattoos or piercings.
- Describe clothing starting from the bottom: try to see shoes, then pants, then top—jackets, shirts and hats are easily changed.
- Note the direction they were going.
- For vehicles, try to see the license number or even a part of it, kind of car, color, number of doors, any stickers or damage that could help identify it.



## Who Do I Call?

### Call 911 for all life-threatening emergencies:

- Fire
- Robbery
- Rape
- Someone trying to enter your home
- Child being abused at that moment
- Missing child
- Home break-in and suspect on scene
- Gunfire plus screams or yelling
- Yourself or someone else being assaulted
- Car that has just been stolen

### Call 445-7251, Sheriff's Office dispatcher, for non-emergency situations. *Let the dispatcher know you are calling from Blue Lake.*

- Home or vehicle burglary, break-in or theft after the act
- Suspicious person in neighborhood
- Apparent drug deal or activity
- Vandalism or graffiti
- Victim of assault after the act
- Illegal camping, on property or in vehicle.
- Suspected child or elder neglect or abuse
- Suspected animal abuse
- Aggressive panhandling
- Loud parties or disruptive behavior
- Fraud of any kind—identity theft, phone scam, mail theft

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You can also report non-life threatening situations with the: **TIP Line 268-2539** or at **[humboldt.gov/sheriffs-office](http://humboldt.gov/sheriffs-office)**

If you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch group, contact Blue Lake City Hall or **839-6606** for more information



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For more information, contact:  
**[bluelake.ca.gov](http://bluelake.ca.gov)**  
**688-5655**

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# Keeping Blue Lake Safe

## What can I do?

We can all help make our community safer by working together with our neighbors and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Working together, we CAN make a difference!

The City of Blue Lake has coverage from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office 24 hours a day, every day, plus two deputies assigned to work in Blue Lake a portion of every day of the week. It's the best of both worlds - assigned deputies that are familiar with our community plus round the clock coverage.