

Identifying Suspicious Activity

When a person's conduct or action is out of place and does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of the neighborhood, this can be defined as **suspicious activity**. Examples of this include:

- Someone peering into cars or home windows.
- Signs of forced entry at a closed business or an unoccupied home, such as broken doors or windows.
- An erratic driver in your neighborhood, speeding or ignoring traffic signals and stops.

How Can I Help?

One of the most important roles a resident can play in their neighborhood is being observant and calling in suspicious activity when it is happening. Trust your instincts. **Do not hesitate to report suspicious activity, but never interfere with a crime in progress.**

Getting to know your neighbors will heighten your awareness, allowing you to know what belongs and does not belong in your neighborhood. Neighbor knowing neighbor ensures a safe and secure community through strengthening relationships and encouraging residents to look after one another.

In collaboration with local law enforcement, The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Services Department offers a variety of crime prevention tools to educate you and your neighbors. To schedule programming, please call 281-210-3800.

When Should I Report Suspicious Activity?

The most important tool you have is your intuition. If you observe behavior or activities that spark a sense of alarm or concern, it is best to report this to local law enforcement immediately. There are often perfectly reasonable explanations for seemingly suspicious activities. Your role is **only** to report what you observe. Law enforcement will determine the validity of the concern and take appropriate actions if needed.

Remember: It is never your role to approach or interfere with a potential crime in progress. Always call 911 for urgent assistance. To report suspicious activity, please contact your respective law enforcement agency:

- Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency: 936-538-5900
- Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 4 Non-Emergency: 281-376-3472

For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 281-210-3800 or email neighbor@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

Residents can access additional resources online at <u>www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/neighborhoodservices</u>.