Am I Bothering the Police

No, you are never bothering the police department when you call to report an incident. MBPD encourages residents to call whenever there is a feeling of suspicious activity, an unusual occurrence, something out of the ordinary and/or when an obvious crime has occurred.

Suspicious activity may include:

- Someone going door-to-door with no apparent reason

- A subject walking down the street trying car door handles

- Someone looking into windows of parked cars

- An unknown subject walking into a neighbor's back yard

- People ringing door bells and walking away quickly

- Transactions taking place from a car window or trunk

- A stranger loitering in a residential area for an extended amount of time

What Phone Number Do I Call

There are two numbers available for our residents to call for police services. Depending on the issue, the matrix below may help when deciding which number would be best. This is merely a guide and each incident varies. However, common sense should be exercised when summoning public safety resources.

911 = Emergency:

-In progress crime

-Life threatening issues

-Child in danger (i.e. locked in a car, appears lost, etc.)

-Property at risk of being stolen, damaged or destroyed

-Drunk drivers

-Traffic collisions with injury

-Suspicious activity

-Missing persons

310-545-4566 = Non-Emergency:

-Any incident that does not require an emergency response

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Policing Through Partnerships

What is Neighborhood Watch

There can't be a police officer on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to prevent crime. By being the "eyes and ears" of the community, cooperating with your neighbors and working closely with Manhattan Beach Police Department, we all take a proactive approach to personal safety and home security. It's all about neighbors looking out for neighbors. Neighborhood Watch partners with MBPD to reduce crime in our town by training residents to recognize *and* report suspicious activities. Since its inception, residential burglaries and overall crime has been significantly reduced, largely attributable to the efforts of our volunteers.

Neighborhood Watch embodies the ideals and values of bringing people together and making a difference in the community. As far back as 1980, when the concept of the program was introduced, our residents were passionate about reducing crime and improving the quality of beach life. And that dedication remains to this day.
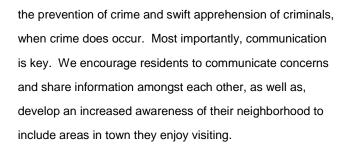
"Knowing, not nosey"

What is "Walk and Watch"

Our dedicated volunteers were looking for a creative way to reach more residents when the concept of "*Walk and Watch*" was developed. Generally, those who are regularly out walking, running or enjoying the outdoors, have a sense of what is normal along their route and more importantly, will notice things that are out of place. By motivating folks to greet each other, make eye contact and be observant, the Neighborhood Watch program now touches a whole new population of the community.

How You Can Help

By reporting suspicious activity, neighbors and residents play a key role in the prevention of crime and swift apprehension of criminals, when crime does occur. Most importantly, communication is key. We encourage residents to communicate concerns and share information amongst each other, as well as, develop an increased awareness of their neighborhood to include areas in town they enjoy visiting.

Whether you are taking a stroll along the Strand, jogging through your neighborhood, playing with your children at Polliwog Park, sunbathing in El Porto, throwing a ball for your pooch, or just out and about enjoying Manhattan Beach, take time to "*Walk and Watch".*

What To Do

While observing a behavior or incident that you feel is suspicious, call the Manhattan Beach Police Department. The following information is important to note:

- Where is this happening? (address, cross streets, landmarks)

- What are they doing? (lurking, loitering, trespassing, stealing, etc.)

- How many subjects are there?

- What do they look like? (sex, race, hair color, height, weight, clothing)

- What are they driving? (make, model, color, license plate, and/or oddities)

- Which way did they go?

What Else Can I Do

Talk to your neighbors if you see:

- Open garage doors

- Newspapers/mail stacking up

- Unlocked cars

- Personal property left in vehicles

- Unsecured homes (windows open, doors unlocked)