



NEIGHBOURHOOD

Empowerment Team

We all deserve to live in a safe community and city, but there can be many things that impact our perceptions of safety. One of the challenges is that the things that can make us feel unsafe, are the ones that often go unreported. These can include things like a vehicle that appears to be abandoned, graffiti or an unkept property. It can also be suspicious activity such as someone approaching vehicles and trying door handles or peering in house or garage windows. It could be a vehicle driving through the area over and over at odd hours or a broken window. It can be easier for you to recognize when something seems out of the ordinary because you are most familiar with your community. These types of occurrences can be unnerving and when they go unreported we put the police at a disadvantage because they rely on us to tell them what seems out of the ordinary. Your report is a valuable piece of information, and each time you report, the chances of preventing or solving a crime improves.

Here is how you can help:

- Get to know your neighbours and the vehicles that belong in your neighbourhood. When you know the people who are from your area you are better able to know when a car or person appears to be out of the ordinary.
- Pay attention to your surroundings as you move through the neighbourhood; note the little details like an open garage door or back gate. Be aware of potential hiding spots, recent vandalism, burned out street lights or unsightly garbage.
- Take action, if you see something unusual;
 - Call **9-1-1** if it is an emergency where life, safety or property is in immediate danger or there is a crime in progress.
 - Call the non-emergency line with concerns or information on a previous crime **780-423-4567** or **#377** (on mobile devices).
 - Remember that certain crimes, like theft from a vehicle or damage to property, can be reported online at edmontonpolice.ca or by using the **EPS Mobile App**.
 - Graffiti, burned out street lights, unsightly or unkempt properties can be reported to the City of Edmonton by calling **3-1-1** or the **Edmonton311 App**.
 - Share the information you have on crime prevention strategies, such as in the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Guide, contact net@edmonton.ca for a copy.
 - Let your neighbours know when their gate or garage door is open or if there is something that makes their property vulnerable.
- Stay up to date on reported crimes in your area by accessing the Edmonton Police Service's [Neighbourhood Crime Mapping](#) tool.

We all want our communities to be as safe as possible. Even the smallest piece of information can help reduce crime and disorder. If you would like to learn more about community safety and crime prevention contact the [Neighbourhood Empowerment Team \(NET\)](#) online.