

See Something, Say Something: Neighborhood Safety & Being a Good Neighbor



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Follow these easy steps, to prevent yourself from being the victim of a burglary:

- ✓ Lock all doors and windows in your home and vehicles.
- ✓ DO NOT leave anything that appears to be valuable visible from the outside of your home or vehicle.
- ✓ If you have a home alarm, use it properly.
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings: See something, say something! It's that easy!

The University of Redlands is partnering with community organizations to provide students information about being good, responsible neighbors. Many of the tips shared below also serve to deter crime in your neighborhood.

1. If you see suspicious activity, **say something** by calling 911 and informing your neighbors.
2. Introduce yourself and your family to your neighbors. Putting a face and name to homes can build a sense of community and prevent crime.
3. Get to know your neighbors – their habits, schedules, and family members. This can help prevent conflicts. Some examples are; if they work nights, quiet mornings will be important for them. If they have young children, quiet evenings will be very important to them.
4. Practice parking etiquette. Leave enough space for others to get out, and never block access to your neighbor's home.
5. If you are having a party, let your neighbors know ahead of time and provide them with your contact information. Let them know they can contact you if they hear too much noise or if they see other problems. This can prevent law enforcement from getting involved.
6. Know your Trash Day! Only take out your trash cans on the day your trash is scheduled to be collected and remember to bring the trash cans back into your yard as soon as possible.
7. Keep in contact with your neighbors. If you hear of any news on crimes, special trash days, community events, etc. keep your neighbor in the loop.
8. Maintain your yard. Keep your grass trimmed and pull out weeds. This will add to your neighborhood's curb appeal and help keep neighbors feeling positive about each other.
9. If you have pets, always keep them on a leash when outside and clean up after them.
10. Be welcoming of any new neighbors making their way into the neighborhood.

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING! INFORMATION NEEDED BY DISPATCHERS

Location: Be specific. Address, cross street, apartment/suite number, are there any landmarks?

Description: For a person, what is their race, sex, age, build. What are they wearing? Do they have anything that may stand out, such as a backpack, purse, skateboard, etc. For a vehicle, what is the color, make, model, year, and license plate? Are there any added on accessories such as stickers, rims, etc.

Travel: What direction are they headed?

Safety issues: Are there any weapons, has the person(s) been drinking or using drugs?

Response: Do you want a Police Officer to contact you?

CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY EDUCATION UNIT

The Redlands Police Department continues to implement and create innovative ways to interact and share information with the community. As always we look forward to suggestions and input from citizens as well as the opportunity to assist with questions or concerns.

For an ongoing issue, contact the Redlands Police Department Crime Prevention and Community Education Unit at (909) 798-7561 or crimeprevention@redlandspolice.org.

Or visit cityofredlands.org/police/crimeprevention

For an emergency, dial 911.