WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS?

Many times, we have that voice in our head, that an event or activity is out of the ordinary. The voice that keeps us, "everyone" safe and sound.

Don't worry about bothering the police. Don’t worry about being embarrassed  activity proves unfounded. The following are a list of specific events that the police want to hear from you:

# Going Door to Door In a Residential Area

Especially suspicious if after a few houses are visited, one or more of the persons goes into a back or side yard. More suspicious if another remains in the front when this occurs. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Casing for a house to burglarize, burglary in progress, trespassing, or soliciting. Solicitors must register with police before conducting door to-door sales.

# Waiting In Front of a House or Business

Particularly suspicious if owners are away, or if it is a business, the establishment is closed. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Look out for a burglary in progress.

# Forcing Entrance To or Tampering with a Residence or Vehicle

Suspicious under any circumstances. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Burglary, theft, damage to property, or trespassing in progress.

Non-Resident Going Into Back or Side a Yard of House

Suspicious under most circumstances. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Burglary or trespassing in progress.

# Exhibiting Unusual Behavior or Physical Symptoms

POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Maybe injured, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or needing medical or psychiatric assistance.

# Carrying Property

Suspicious depending upon the circumstances. For instance, if at an unusual hour or in an unusual location or if the property is not wrapped as if just purchased. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Leaving the scene of a burglary, robbery, or theft. 

# Heavy Human Traffic To and From a Certain Residence

Not suspicious unless it occurs on a daily or very regular basic, especially during the late or unusual hours. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Vice, drug, or fencing operations.

VEHICLES

# Certain Moving Vehicles

Especial}y of show moving and without lights or if the course followed appears aimless or repetitive. "This is suspicious in any location but particularly in areas of schools, parks, and playgrounds. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Casing the place to rob or burglarize, drug pusher, or sex offender.

# Certain Parked, Occupied Vehicles

These vehicles may be considered suspicious when seen at unusual times and places, Be alert for occupied vehicles that may be the "look out" for burglaries and robberies that may be in progress.

# Vehicle(s) Being Loaded with Valuables

Suspicious of parked in front of a closed business or unattended residence. Even of the vehicle is a legitimate looking commercial unit — possible even bearing signs identifying it as a possibie repair vehide or moving van, POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Burglary or other theft in progress.

# Abandoned Vehicle

Possible stolen vehicle

Vehicle Containing Weapons

Suspicious under most circumstances. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Owner maybe engaged in illegal activity.

# Other Property' in Vehicle

Not suspicious unless the properly is not normally found in vehicles - especially of observed at unusual hours or it TV sets, stereos, un-mounted tape decks, or auto parts are involved. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Stolen property.

OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVI\*TY

Apparent open-air business transactions conducted from a vehicle, especially if around school or parks. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Drug sales or business license violation

Persons being forced into vehicle, especially if children or femaies. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Kidnapping or sex offenses.

Objects thrown from a vehicle, especially while traveling at high speed. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Disposal of contraband (illegal at the time i.e. alcoholic beverage) or evidence. 

OTHER USUAL SITUATIONS

Open or Broken Doors or Windows: At a closed business or residence who owners are possible to be away from the home. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE: Burglary in progress or completed burglary'. You don't have to be the owner to call.

Unusual Noises: Gunshots, screaming, sounds of a fight, breaking glass, barking dogs — anything suggestive of foul play, danger, or illegal activity. CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE

If it's suspicious, call the police. It could save a life, prevent an injury, or stop a criminal act and help affect an arrest.

Don’t worry about bothering the police. That's why they exist. Don’t worry about being embarrassed if your suspicious proves unfounded. They will find out for you.

INFORMATION MOST OFTEN NEEDED BY POLICE

What Happened?

When?

Where?

Is Anyone Injured?

Vehicle License Plate (make, model, style, color)?

Description of Flight and Direction of TRAVEL?

Description of Persons Involved?

Description of you/vehicle (if you wish PO to talk to you)?

FOR EMERGENCY POLICE SERVICE CALL 911 - FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCY CALL 414-933-4444

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# TIPS ON CALLING DISPATCH

Call 911 when there is an emergency. An emergency would be domified as witnessing a-crime in progress, to fire, -oi to save a life.

NOTE: All cell phone calls are answered by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department. If you need a Milwaukee Police response, immediately ask to be transferred to the Milwaukee Police Department.

To request a squad to address all other issues call Non-Emergency at 414-933-4444. Then press #9 to be connected to the next operator.

The following are suggestions to assist you in this process:

 Be prepared to provide the following information:

WHERE: Give a specific address, if possible, of the event occurring

WHO: Give a description of the people involved

WHAT: Describe the behavior occurring

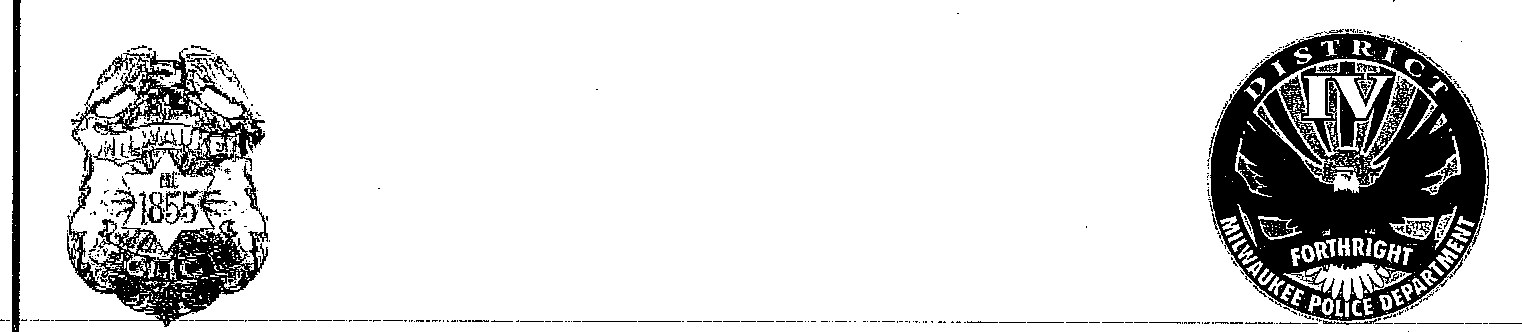
Dispatchers are trained to ask specific questions, which are passed on to the Responding Officers to assist them when they arrive at the scene.

 When your call is answered, the Dispatcher will always announce their Operator Number. It is recommended that you take note of that number and jot it down.

* Dispatchers are not Police Officers and if you are not receiving the response you are looking for ask to speak to a Supervisor, who is a Police Officer. If you are uncomfortable with that you can hang up and call the Supervisor directly at #935-7471.
* You may call Dispatch and remain anonymous, ask to have your name and number kept anonymous. However, the Operator is trained to ask for your name or a number where you can be reached if they need additional information.

' Please note that your phone number will come up during the call. The Police Officer may call you from the squad; just remind them that you choose to remain anonymous, you may request that your PHONE NUMBER and NAVIE be kept anonymous. This is an excellent way to foster relationships  with the Squad in your area.

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 HOW To CREATE AN E-NOTIFY ACCOUNT OR SUBSCRIBE TO ERC notifications:

1.1f you already have an account, login and go to #6.

2.Go to: https://itmdapps.milwaukee.gov/Enotify

3.C1ick on register, then complete the required (\* ) Fields then click on Create Account. 4.Check your Email for instructions on activating your account; click on the link in the Email.

5.Enter your Email address and Password to login.

6.Click on City Agency Meetings and check the box next to Equal Rights Commission to complete the subscription.

7.Always click on Log Out when you are finished.

8.PIease login to add or remove categories from your account.

9.1f you no longer want to subscribe to E-Notify, click on Update Information, then click on delete account,