



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### **Tips on ways to be vigilant within your neighbourhood and how to report crime accurately**

Be suspicious of anyone who is:

- Trying car doors.
- Looking through house/car/shed windows.
- Looking under plant pots/doormats, etc.
- Loitering in residential streets - if it is no one you recognise, call the police.
- Calling on vulnerable neighbours, if the caller looks suspicious, call the police.
- Climbing over fences or hedges.
- In neighbours' back gardens when the occupants are out or away.
- Removing items from houses - some criminals are very bold so as NOT to arouse suspicion.
- Deliberately setting off car alarms and running away - this is sometimes used as a tactic to get people to turn off their alarm.
- Looking or doing anything suspicious/out of the ordinary.
- Make a note of the registration number of any suspicious van/car that is parked in your road.

Remaining calm and discreet gives you the best chance of registering and reporting what you see quickly and accurately. The fact that many of the calls made to the police will turn out to be false alarms doesn't matter, the important thing is to be able to report the details as accurately as possible.