

## Reporting suspicious activity

Many crimes are preceded by activity which an alert person may regard as suspicious. Being alert and recording your suspicions can help prevent crime and secure convictions.

1. Criminals planning a crime will often carry out a "dry run" or at least check out their target. At that time they are usually undisguised, but can still arouse suspicion. Recording your suspicions provides valuable identification for the police after a crime has taken place, particularly if disguises are worn during the crime.
2. Report your suspicions to SaferGems, preferably using the report forms available at [www.safergems.org.uk](http://www.safergems.org.uk) so data can be matched electronically. If you do not have access to the internet:
  - complete the paper forms from that site, or contact SaferGems:
  - by phone on 0845 272 7802,
  - by fax 0845 272 7803 or
  - by e-mail to [intel@safergems.org.uk](mailto:intel@safergems.org.uk).
3. If you are a member of any local Ringmaster, Business Watch or other local security scheme consider whether they need to be advised. Your suspicions may prevent a crime from taking place on your premises or elsewhere.

### Notes on reporting to SaferGems:

- a) Quite minor details can sometimes provide the breakthrough the police need to solve a crime
- b) To help SaferGems match reports, the Guidance notes are quite detailed, but it is more important that you submit reports than become over-concerned about strictly following the ideal.
- c) Read the notes on Description of Assailants from the SaferGems website. They may prompt memories, but record only what you have observed yourself. Do NOT guess or rely on others. Leave answers blank if you don't know.