

Hewitt Dog Walker Watch **Program** **Training Guide**



Dog walkers know their route well and can quickly determine when something is out of place. Dog Walker Watch trains walkers to recognize suspicious activity and how to report it.

What is suspicious activity?

Suspicious activity is defined as when a person's conduct or action is out of place and does not fit the normal day-to-day activity of the neighborhood.

When walking the dog, if something doesn't seem normal on the street, trust your instincts! Report it to law enforcement immediately!

Be sure to call 9-1-1 if a crime is in progress.

Hewitt Police
non-emergency
254-666-6272



Identifying a suspicious person.

- >A stranger loitering in the neighborhood.
- >Someone peering into parked vehicles or windows and/or trying door handles.
- >Someone loitering around a school or secluded area.
- >Someone waiting in front of a house, particularly if owners are known to be absent.
- >Someone carrying valuable items or loading them into a vehicle.
- >Someone concealing an item under clothing.

**People aren't suspicious -
their behavior is!**



Identifying a suspicious vehicle:

- >Contains things not commonly seen in a car: TVs, electronics, pillow cases, etc.
- >Forcible entry of a vehicle (broken glass).
- >People sitting in a parked car, scanning the area.
- >An idling parked car, regardless of whether it is occupied.
- >A vehicle arriving / leaving slowly without headlights.
- >A vehicle cruising the neighborhood repeatedly.
- >High volume of traffic going to and coming from a home.
- >Vehicle leaving the neighborhood at a high rate of speed.
- >Business transactions conducted from a vehicle, especially around a school or park.

Be prepared to report:

- What? Describe the suspicious activity.
 - Where? Note the exact location or cross streets and direction of travel.
 - When? Note the time of the activity.
 - Describe the suspect(s)
 - Describe the vehicle, make, model and color, license plate number, direction of travel.
 - Be as precise as possible and avoid guessing.
- Take a photo if it is safe to do so.



When calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone, remember:

- Not all cell phones can give a location, take note of landmarks while walking.
- Calls are routed to the nearest available tower.
- A call can route to either Hewitt or McLennan County if made near the border of the coverage areas.

Trust your instincts!

-Do not hesitate to report suspicious activity.

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-Write a report:

cityofhewitt.com/793/Current-Members

-Report on the Hewitt Dog Walker Watch Facebook group.

-Your call can make a difference and is important to community policing efforts



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