

How to Report a Crime

Before a crime occurs is the best time to report it! Reporting suspicious behavior to law enforcement helps us prevent crimes from happening. If you are the victim of a crime, let us know immediately! Waiting to report the crime will delay our efforts to help you, making it more difficult to apprehend the suspect.

CRIME IN PROGRESS

Emergency 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 for any life-threatening emergency or crime in progress. Stay calm and please **DO NOT HANG UP!** While the dispatcher is talking to you on the phone, help is being sent. Staying on the line allows the dispatcher to obtain additional information, as well as instruct you on what to do until help arrives.

CRIME ALREADY OCCURRED

Non-Emergency Line (707) 463-6262
Online Report: www.ukiahpolice.com

You can report a crime online if the crime:

1. Has already taken place and is not an emergency (like vandalism or theft).
2. Occurred within the city limits.
3. Has no known suspects.
4. Did not occur on a State highway.

Call us if you see anyone suspicious or if you notice anything that seems out of place in your community. Many cases are solved based on victim or witness information, so trust your instincts. Provide us with all of the details you are sure about, but please do not guess—that can be worse than not reporting at all.

Information for the Dispatcher

When you report a crime, the dispatcher will want to know the following information:

- What is your name, address and phone number?
- What just happened?
- When did it happen?
- Where did it happen?
- Who is involved? Physical description?
- Which way did they go?
- Vehicle license plate & description?
- What did they take?
- What did they say?
- What did they do?
- Are there any injuries?
- Was there a weapon? Type?
- Who are the witnesses?



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Business Watch

*Connect with
other businesses
and UPD to
prevent and
reduce crime!*



What is Business Watch?

Business Watch is a proactive crime prevention program that establishes a formal communication network between local businesses, merchants, and the Ukiah Police Department. The program enables the business community to take an active role in reducing crime by raising awareness about commercial crime trends, offering crime prevention training, and sharing current community information via Nixle and other social media resources.

Why Should I Join?

Most criminals are opportunists. As business owners and merchants, your objective should be to prevent commercial crimes rather than react to them. When you join Business Watch, you are taking an important step toward reducing criminal activity in and around your business in the most effective way—before it begins.

Modeled after the very successful Neighborhood Watch concept, the Business Watch program helps facilitate a relationship among business owners, employees, property managers, and law enforcement. Getting to know the people in neighboring businesses and forming a community that looks out for each other significantly impacts law enforcement's ability to maintain safer businesses and commercial complexes.

Business Watch is a voluntary program offered at no cost to businesses. Business Watch members will be invited to attend free training seminars, schedule business security surveys and be part of a crime prevention communication network, including an online forum.

UPD will send Business Watch members crime prevention information regularly to assist business owners and managers as they train employees about how to recognize suspicious activity and report crimes. UPD speakers are available to present training seminars on topics such as workplace violence, internal and external theft, robbery prevention, fraud and identity theft, and improved building security.

How Do I Join?

For more information, contact UPD's business liaison, Community Service Officer Nancy Sawyer at (707) 467-5708 or nsawyer@cityofukiah.com. Or you can visit our website at www.ukiahpolice.com. Once you've joined, you can proudly display a Business Watch sticker that lets others know you're connected.

Business Watch

We pay attention to our surroundings and report suspicious behavior to fellow merchants and local law enforcement.



ENFORCED HERE

As a member, you will receive a Business Watch sticker to inform others you are alert and aware.

Share Your Thoughts

The Ukiah Police Department's mission is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you have any suggestions or comments about how we can improve, please complete our online survey.

If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button at www.ukiahpolice.com. You can also leave crime tips on our website.