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PANORAMA NHW AREA 64/193

NEXT MEETING

Trinity Church Hall,
Pasadena

Monday 7pm
16th March
ALL WELCOME

Bringing local residents & police together for a safe & connected community

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South Australia

Safe buying and selling online

Source: SAPOL.gov.au

When buying or selling online, particularly for vehicles, current model phones or expensive items, be aware of online safety advice and plan the exchange.

Follow these tips to stay safe during an exchange.

Check them out

- Look into the buyer/seller before meeting up.
- Google them, look at their marketplace profile. Have they had previous sales? Do they have other items for sale? Any reviews?
- Social media pages that have recently been created or have few followers may indicate they're fake.
- When you do meet, take note of the person's appearance, including their vehicle and the vehicle's registration number.
- If selling a vehicle and the sale progresses to a test drive, ask to see buyer identification, e.g. driver's licence, and consider taking a photograph of it.

Location

- Your personal safety is your priority when arranging to meet up.
- Don't meet up in isolated locations.
- Consider meeting in a public area during daylight hours where CCTV is in use and people are around.
- If you must meet at your house, try to avoid allowing entry into your home.
- Have the item ready by the front door or outside.

Don't be alone

- If possible, choose a time when someone trusted can go with you or be present at home.

Instinct

- Consider the surroundings and trust your instincts.
- If you feel uncomfortable with any aspect of the sale or purchase, cancel the meet up. It's OK to cancel! You don't have to continue.
- Remember that if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.

Tackling Graffiti

Rapid and Continual Removal of graffiti is one of the best deterrents to stop graffiti returning to the site.

Painting over the graffiti is most effective way to remove the graffiti.

When the graffiti is removed by the "paint out method" be sure to match the colour of paint being used - as close as possible to the existing colour of the fence prior to the graffiti damaged.

Be sure to paint the graffiti over in a "block" formation and DO NOT follow the lines of the tag.

REPORTING GRAFFITI

Council property

City of Mitcham 1300 133 466

Stobie poles / ETSA boxes

SA Power Networks 131 261

Payphones 132203

Public Transport /

Private property

Sturt Police 8207 4700

SAPOL 131444

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

- Park in well-lit areas
- Remove all valuables
- Lock your vehicle

What's Going On at Our Libraries?

Keep up-to-date with the City of Mitcham library service newsletter for news, events and activities.

The Blurb is sent to subscribers via email once a month. Subscribe to the Library Service by emailing library@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au or calling Mitcham Memorial Library on 8372 8244.

HERE'S SOME TIPS

from Neighbourhood Watch on how to secure your home.

THIEVES HATE ROSES!

Plant prickly bushes under your windows to deter thieves from breaking in.



TIDY UP YOUR TOOLS!

Wheelie bins, ladders and garden tools can help thieves enter your house.



CHANGE YOUR HABITS!

Complete our home security habits quiz to find free and easy ways to improve your home security.



Complete the Quiz!



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SAFER COMMUNITIES



Government of
South Australia

CRIME STOPPERS

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

HOME SAFETY TIPS



AWAY FROM HOME

Use light timers and leave shoes by the door. Ask a neighbour or friend to collect mail and leave a spare set of keys with them, never outside.

VEHICLE SAFETY

Always lock your car and store the keys somewhere secure, away from doors or windows.

SAFE PACKAGE DELIVERY

If you're expecting a parcel, arrange for secure delivery to prevent it from being left in an easily accessible spot.

Consider requesting signature confirmation or picking it up from the post office, if you're unavailable.

Providing a secure drop-off location can also keep your package safe from opportunistic potential thieves.

FAKE DELIVERY MESSAGES

You may receive fake texts or emails claiming you have a parcel for pick up or delivery. These messages can look very real and appear legitimate.

Do not click on any links. Put messages you're unsure of into the junk file folder and then check the senders email address or the website URL to check the address provided.

BE ALERT & WATCH FOR SCAMS

Watch out for scams.

Never share personal or financial information and avoid opening emails or clicking links from unknown senders.

Search for suspicious transactions on your banking app.

SECURE YOUR DEVICES

To ensure the security of your smart devices against viruses and unauthorised access.

Regularly update your anti-virus software and install the latest security patches.

REPORTING

Remember, you have the power to keep your community safe. If you notice any suspicious activity, don't hesitate to report it to the police.

In an emergency or when a crime is taking place, call Triple Zero (000). If a crime has already occurred, you can also ring 131 444.

For anonymous reporting, call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

All are available 24/7.

Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

REPORT CRIME

Emergencies

Call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

Where life or injury is threatened, or danger to people and property.

Non-Emergencies

Call 131444 for non-urgent police assistance.

For reporting after a crime, reporting a missing person or making police-related enquiries.

Crime Stoppers

Report information about criminals and suspicious activities to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.crimestopperssa.com.au

Cybercrime

To report cybercrime, or to get further information about frauds & scams, visit:

SAPOL:

www.police.sa.gov.au/scams

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE

Website: www.cyber.gov.au

IDCARE Phone: 1300 432 273

Web: www.idcare.org

SCAMwatch

www.scamwatch.gov.au

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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?

Suspicious behaviour can refer to incidents, events, individuals or circumstances that seem unusual or out of place.

GIVING A GOOD DESCRIPTION

Community safety and crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. You can assist the police by providing a good description of anyone you see committing a crime or who is acting suspiciously.

When giving a description it is important to try and build a complete picture of a person from head to toe; it is important to take note of the following descriptive features:

- ✓ Gender
- ✓ Age
- ✓ Body frame/build
- ✓ Appearance/look
- ✓ Distinguishable clothing
- ✓ Haircut and colour
- ✓ Facial hair
- ✓ Scars, tattoos or glasses
- ✓ Approximate height
- ✓ Voice / speech / language
- ✓ Body language

DON'T FORGET THE VEHICLE

If you observe a vehicle being used during a crime or suspicious behaviour it is important to take note of the following:



- ✓ Vehicle registration
- ✓ Vehicle colour, make and model
- ✓ Distinguishable artwork or graphics
- ✓ Any damage or rust
- ✓ Direction of travel Driver / occupant
- ✓ Take note of bullbars, roof racks or towbars etc

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- ✓ Keep calm
- ✓ Record date, time and location of the incident Report where and what is happening
- ✓ Stay on the phone
- ✓ If you can safely do so, keep watching and continue to report what is happening
- ✓ Take photos with a camera or mobile device, if it's safe to do so
- ✓ Do not approach the person directly.

WHAT TO REPORT



Source: Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

Sometimes it can be confusing to know what to report and when to report it.

Below is a list of examples of suspicious behaviours. If you see similar activities occurring, we recommend that you call and report it to police.

- ✓ A person carrying property; such as electronic equipment, stereo, office equipment, or a locked bike, at an unusual time or location.
- ✓ A vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly; this person may be looking for an opportunity to steal unattended property from unsecured offices or homes.
- ✓ Anyone forcing their way into a locked vehicle; especially at night.
- ✓ One or more people sitting in a parked car checking out the area; they may be lookouts for a possible crime in progress, a burglary or robbery or planning a crime in the future.
- ✓ Transactions being conducted at a vehicle or a high volume of traffic going to and coming from home on a daily basis
- ✓ Someone being forced into a vehicle; this could be domestic violence, human trafficking or an abduction.
- ✓ Unusual noises; alarms, gunshots, yelling, fighting sounds, dogs barking incessantly.



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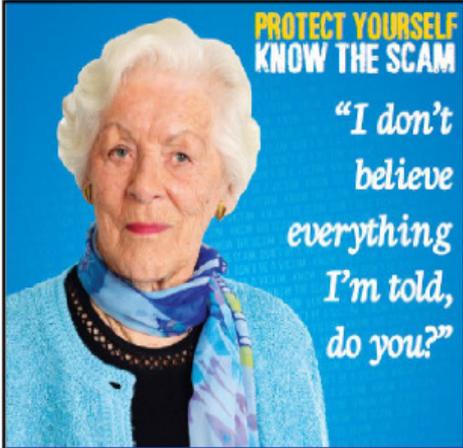
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WHAT IS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SA?



NHW SA is a community crime prevention program delivered by the Neighbourhood Watch Volunteers Association of SA Inc. in partnership with SA Police. The vision of NHW SA is to create a safe and connected community.

Local Neighbourhood Watch Areas (like this one) work with local SA Police to help prevent crime. Together we can take action on local issues and help raise awareness of safety and security.



Anyone can be a target for scammers – so be on the look out. Scammers use sophisticated methods to take your money.

To learn how to **PROTECT YOURSELF** and **KNOW THE SCAM** visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

Report all scams to the police assistance line by calling 131 444.

See Something,
Say Something,
Call Crime Stoppers

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000 EMERGENCY
THINK FIRST THEN DIAL
POLICE ASSISTANCE 131 444

Police Incidents 1 November - 31 January 2026



Date Location Details

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- 10/10/25 Goodwood Road CCTV camera damaged at business premises.
- 10/11/25 Strathcona Ave Window at house smashed. Value \$300.

THEFT

- 6/11/25 Cole Street, Clapham Vehicle entered, rummaged through. Nil stolen.
- 9/11/25 Goodwood Road Two persons stole alcohol from shop. Value \$145.
- 17/11/25 Goodwood Road Theft of alcohol from shop. Value \$59.
- 10/01/26 Alma Street Vehicle number plates stolen. Value \$70.
- 16/12/25 Goodwood Road Theft of cash from unattended register at shop. Value \$250
- 2/1/26 Springbank Road Copper piping stolen from unoccupied house. Damage caused. Total value \$5000
- 13/01/26 Goodwood Road Male person stole \$85 of fuel from service station. Repeat offender. Arrested.
- 17/01/26 Springbank Road Copper piping stolen. Damage caused. Value \$1200.

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