

For March's monthly newsletter, we at the SW Precinct would like to focus on reporting crime, suspicious behavior and other concerns- including the best ways to do this, as well as why it is important.

You may have heard us say- "If you see something, say something!"

Reporting crime and suspicious activity helps to create statistics and shows us patterns; these patterns help drive enforcement and resources. The Seattle Police Department is a highly data-driven police department, which means that we often use data to determine what we need to be doing and where we need to be doing it. We look to our community members to help show us where we need to focus! Even if the crime or suspicious activity is not investigated immediately, or is deemed to be low priority- it is still very important to report it to SPD using the proper process!

There are a variety of ways to report crime and other issues to the Seattle Police Department and to other Seattle city agencies! Below is a list of different ways to report and when these might each be useful.

911

Call 911 when the situation is an emergency and/or when you would like an officer to respond to your location as soon as possible.

Seattle Non-Emergency Number- (206) 625-5011

Call the non-emergency number for incidents that are not in-progress, or to ask to file a report over the phone. Please be aware that, during peak hours- due to staffing, this number is not always answered. Please call back, if you cannot get through.

Seattle Police Department Online Reporting System

You may report the following crimes online at- <https://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/online-reporting>:

- Property destruction
- Graffiti (under \$500 damage)
- Car break-ins (under \$1500 damage/stolen)
- Auto accessories theft (under \$1500 damage/stolen)
- Misdemeanor theft (under \$500 stolen)
- Shoplifting (under \$750)
- Drug activity
- Harassing phone calls
- Credit card fraud
- Wage theft (under \$500)
- Identity theft
- Lost property

Find it, Fix it App, Online Service Request Form or Customer Service Bureau Phone Number

The Find it, Fix it mobile app is a smartphone app that allows community members to report specific issues to the City of Seattle- which are then routed to the proper city agency to address them. For more information please visit- <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>. You may report the following issues via the Find it, Fix it app, or the online service request form (<https://seattle-csrprod.cwi.motorolasolutions.com/ServiceRequest.mvc/SRIntakeStep2?id=CSGENINQ>), or to the Customer Service Bureau phone number (206) 684- CITY (2489):

- Abandoned vehicles (parked in the public right of way more than three days)
- Graffiti (on public property)
- Illegal dumping (including junk, garage or debris- on public property including roadsides, open streets and paved alleys)
- Pothole

- Sign and signal maintenance
- Streetlight repair
- Other (miscellaneous other inquiries or requests that do not fall under the other categories)

Reporting Encampments/RVs:

To report issues associated with encampments and/or RVs, please use the following contacts:

Homeless Encampment Issues:

Human Services Department Director of Outreach- Homelessness@seattle.gov

Homeless Encampments on Public Right of Ways, Sidewalks, Planting Strips or Green Belts:

Seattle Department of Transportation- <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/report-a-problem>

Issues Involving Sidewalks or Streets:

Seattle Department of Transportation- <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/report-a-problem>

Issues in Parks:

Donna Waters, Encampment Program Manager- ParksEncampResponse@seattle.gov or [PKS Work Order Desk@seattle.gov](mailto:PKS_Work_Order_Desk@seattle.gov)

Issues Related to RVs:

-James Shepard, FAS- James.Shepard@seattle.gov

-Parking enforcement should be directed to Customer Service Requests at <https://seattle-cwiprod.motorolasolutions.com/cwi/select>

- Be sure to click Parking Enforcement

Issues with Vacant or Abandoned Buildings:

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection – Online Complaint Form:

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/Welcome.aspx>

(Under “Create New,” click on the “Complaints – Building and Property.”) or call 206-615-0808

Issues with Illegal Structures, Housing, Ongoing Noise and Zoning:

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection – Online Complaint Form:

<https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/Welcome.aspx>

(Under “Create New,” click on the “Complaints – Building and Property.”) or call 206-615-0808

Issues Involving Animals:

Contact Animal Control- <http://www.seattle.gov/animal-shelter/animal-control>

There are several links to choose from to address the specific concern

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have questions regarding reporting crime or other issues.

Below you will find my contact information, including email address and phone numbers. Keep an eye out for my newsletter next month, which will again focus on a specific crime/safety issue and include important prevention techniques. Contact me with questions, concerns, to request my presence at a future meeting, to discuss Block Watch, to request a free safety/security assessment of your home or business and/or if you are interested in free firearm cable locks.

Email address: Jennifer.Danner@seattle.gov

Desk phone number: (206) 256-6820

Work cell phone number: (206) 471-2849

Additional SPD resources-

- Seattle Police Department Non-Emergency Number: (206) 625-5011

- Seattle Police Department's Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/police/>
- Seattle Police Department's Online Crime Reporting: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/need-help/online-reporting>
- Seattle Police Department's 'Thank An Employee': <https://www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/contact-us/thank-an-employee>
- [Seattle Police Department's Crime Dashboard](http://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/crime-dashboard): <http://www.seattle.gov/police/information-and-data/crime-dashboard>
- Contact information for other SPD Crime Prevention Coordinators:
 - North Precinct- (vacant at this time) Please contact Sergeant Martin Welte- Martin.Welte@seattle.gov
 - East Precinct- [Joseph Elenbaas- Joseph.Elenbaas@seattle.gov](mailto:Joseph.Elenbaas@seattle.gov)
 - West Precinct- Barb Biondo- Barbara.Biondo@seattle.gov
 - South Precinct- Mark Solomon- Mark.Solomon@seattle.gov

Other City of Seattle resources-

- Find It Fix It: <https://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app>
 - Customer Service Bureau Main Line: 206-684-CITY (2489)
- Seattle Parks Department: <https://www.seattle.gov/parks>
 - 24-Hour Maintenance Request Line: 206-684-7250
- Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT): <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation>
 - Report a problem: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/permits-and-services/report-a-problem>
- Parking Enforcement: <https://www.seattle.gov/police/about-us/about-policing/parking-enforcement#:~:text=Parking%20Enforcement%20Main%20Line%20206%2D386%2D9012>
 - Main Line: 206-386-9012
- Seattle Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI): <https://www.seattle.gov/sdci>
 - File a Complaint Online: <https://www.seattle.gov/sdci/codes/make%20a-property-or-building-complaint>