

ARTICLE Don't stall, make the call

We all want to feel safe in our homes and neighbourhoods. The best way to do that is to be part of the solution. If you see a crime happening – or you know of illegal activity taking place on your street or in your building, pick up the phone. Call security or the police. They can help.

- Your call counts. Every call to report a crime or suspicious activity is counted, and helps show there is a problem.
- Your call can create change. Every call helps build a case to make a change. Through change, we can solve the problems in our communities.
- Your voice will make the difference. Don't assume that police or building security know about the problem or that nothing will happen if you report it. They take all calls seriously. They want you to feel safe and stay safe.

Important numbers:

- To report a crime in progress or a life-threatening emergency
 613.233.8477 or 1-800-222-8477 To anonymously report information
 on a crime to Crime Stoppers
- 211 To find out about community, social, health and government services
- 311 To report bylaw infractions, potholes, garbage problems or other issues

To learn more about dealing with crime or problems in your community or building, visit Crime Prevention Ottawa's Neighbourhood Toolkit at <u>crimepreventionottawa.ca/toolkit</u>.

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