

Suspicious Activity

These are just a few examples of suspicious activity. Do not approach anyone or investigate criminal or suspicious activity.

Withdraw to a safe location and

Call Police Immediately!

- Adults or Juveniles walking casually through the neighborhood looking into windows, backyards, vehicles, etc.
- A vehicle driving slowly through the neighborhood with or without lights on.
- An unknown car parked in or near your neighborhood containing one or more people.
- Something wakes you in the night.
(Dogs Barking, Voices or People Talking, Engines Revving, Glass Breaking, etc.)
- Someone you don't recognize rings your doorbell late at night.
- If something is suspicious to you, it is suspicious, **Call the Police**

Resident Responsibilities

- Call 911 immediately when you see or hear a crime in progress
- If you are the victim of a crime, report it to the police as soon as possible.
- Call police whenever you hear or see suspicious activity.
- **Communicate** with your neighbors.
- Educate your children in a common sense approach to crime prevention.

Trust your instincts if something feels wrong it usually is.

CALL 9-1-1

Administrative Offices - Monday thru Friday
8am till 4pm
Closed Holidays

If you leave a message on a Friday after 4pm it will not be answered till Monday morning.

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Non-Emergencies Call (302) 739-4863

CHESWOLD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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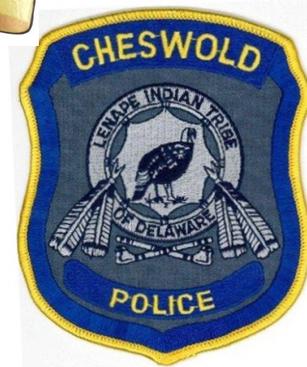
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Neighborhood Safety Brochure



Protecting and Serving
the Town of Cheswold

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Here are some simple techniques to assist you and your neighbors in improving the safety and security of your neighborhood.

PLEASE practice these techniques and teach them to your family.

- Be alert and call the police when you see **criminal or suspicious** activity.
- Install deadbolt locks on all doors and use them. Secure all windows with quality locks as well.
- Turn on your outside lights at night, **every night!**
- If you have a residential burglar alarm, use it!
- Do not give out personal information to anyone you don't know. Cross shred all documents with any personal information.
- Close your garage door whether you are home or away.
- Lock all vehicles parked outside. Do not leave your car running in the winter to warm it up. Remove all valuables and garage door openers.
- Notify a trusted neighbor or family member if you are away. Leave them emergency contact information. Stop newspaper and mail delivery. Have your lawn mowed or snow shoveled while you are away.

What if I am afraid to call the police?

A caller can choose to remain anonymous. But, remain on the line and provide any other important information relevant to the call.

You may request the responding officer NOT contact you in person, but YOU must initiate that request (otherwise, our officers are required to contact you).

An officer can also contact you by phone.

We answer all calls into the Administrative Offices but request that you call 9-1-1 immediately for any crimes in progress.

When in doubt CALL 9-1-1!!!!

To report a crime in progress or a suspicious person to the Cheswold Police Department

Call 9-1-1.

**For non-emergencies, call
(302) 739-4863**



If You Don't Call, Who Will?

What can residents do to take control of their communities?

Organize and utilize an Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

Criminals like to blend in, but should feel threatened surrounded by so many windows, balconies, doors, and eyes.

If residents do not take control, the criminals will! Be protective. It is YOUR HOME!

Challenge suspicious behavior by watching and reporting to police.

Look and listen out windows.

Sit on your front porch or lawn and be seen. Be territorial!

When away, make your home look and sound occupied.

Guests should respect the residents, the property, and behave responsibly.

Call police first to report crimes in progress, crimes already committed, or breaches of the peace.