

REPORTING A CRIME

The community is our eyes and ears and plays a vital role in helping keep our parks safe. Report crimes or any other suspicious activity to the Park Police at 911 for emergencies and 217-788-8311 for non-emergencies. Notify us of anything that appears unusual or any activity that occurs at unusual times of the day or night.

Call us if you see persons peering into parked vehicles, persons loitering and not participating in park activities, persons or vehicles in the park after hours, persons screaming, the sound of gunshots, explosives, breaking glass or other loud noises, persons consuming alcohol or drugs and anything else that you feel is suspicious.

When you call, be prepared to report the following details.

Report what happened, Where it happened, When (what time) it happened, Tell whether or not someone was injured, Who did it?, Provide a description of persons involved to include age, sex, race, height, weight, clothing and any other unique characteristics to help identify suspects. If a vehicle is involved, get the license plate or tag number, state of registration, make, model and color of vehicle. Describe any unusual characteristics such as body damage, bumper stickers, etc. It is helpful to provide a direction of travel to assist the officers who may be responding.

Call 788-8311 to report a crime.



SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT POLICE

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PARK SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE SPRINGFIELD PARK POLICE

“To protect and Serve in our Parks”



OFFICE : 753-6221
EMERGENCIES : 911
DISPATCH : 788-8311

PARK AND TRAIL SAFETY TIPS

PARK DISTRICT POLICE

The Springfield Park District Police are committed to providing the safest trail and park system possible. In this brochure you will learn park safety tips and what to do if witnessing a crime or suspicious behavior .



PARK & TRAIL SAFETY TIPS:

- Walk or jog with a partner and ID.
- Tell family and friends where you will be traveling.
- Carry a cell phone Report any suspicious activity to the Park Police.
- Stay alert and be observant.
- Avoid areas where visibility is poor.
- Avoid unfamiliar areas.
- Carry a whistle or other type of noisemaker.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing.
- Do not wear headphones.
- Know your location at all times.
- Only walk the designated trails or paths.
- If riding a bicycle, wear a helmet.
- Let park patrons know you are passing on their left.
- Don't stop and sit on the roadways, walkways and trails.
- Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Use park equipment and facilities as intended.
- During hot days, drink plenty of water.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times.

Trust your instincts. If you believe you are being followed, don't hesitate to call the park police. When you approach your car, have your key ready and check the floor and the back seats **before** you get in. record your bicycle serial number in the unfortunate event it is stolen this will aid in helping recover your bicycle and assist in the prosecution of the responsible person.

IMPORTANT PARK POLICE

PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY—

911

NON- EMERGENCY—

788-8311

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE—

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