Have you ever seen someone in your neighborhood, and thought, “That person doesn’t belong here...”? Have you thought about calling the police to investigate? Were you unsure if it would be appropriate to call? Well, Crime Cat is here to help.

Examples of when not to call:

- You see someone you don’t recognize
- Someone seems “suspicious” based solely on their appearance
- You have a bad feeling, but no evidence of wrongdoing

Examples of when to call:

- A crime has occurred
- Someone is in imminent danger or needs help
- You have been in or witnessed an accident
- You see evidence of wrongdoing

If you call, you will be asked about the specific behavior that concerns you. But officers in our neighborhood typically respond to all calls, so, before traumatizing an innocent neighbor or guest, please carefully consider the reason for your suspicions.
Before Calling the Police:
A Handy Guide for Objective Threat Evaluation

1. Does someone seem suspicious?
   - Yes: Is it because of something specific that they are doing?
     - Yes: If someone in your family were doing that, would you think someone should call the police?
       - Yes: Call
       - No: Don’t Call
     - No: Is it because of how they are behaving?
       - Yes: Would intervention by law enforcement officers improve the situation?
         - Yes: Call
         - No: Don’t Call
       - No: Is it because of their appearance?
         - Yes: Do you have psychic powers?
           - Yes: Call
           - No: Don’t Call
         - No: Don’t Call
   - No: Don’t Call

Useful Phone Numbers:
- Emergencies: 911
- Police dispatch: 824-5223
- ICHA: 824-2424