

**Winooski Police
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Reporting Contacts**

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The Winooski Police Dept. encourages anyone who witnesses any criminal / suspicious activity to report it to the police.

These reports can be made in a number of ways. In progress crimes should be reported immediately via 911.

Suspicious activity in your neighborhood can be reported immediately or by use of an internet contact link on the Winooski Police Web site.

This information is used in many different ways by the police. Some information provided may not be immediately acted upon by the police but used as intelligence helpful in building a case.

The Winooski Police Department will make every effort to ensure that your identity remains unknown and anonymous. The Department is interested in your information, not your name if you so desire.

**WINOOSKI POLICE
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***Citizen's Guide to
Reporting Crime***



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below you will find some of the most frequently asked questions we encounter regarding reporting crime and other topics. If you have additional questions not addressed here, please feel free to contact us.

IF I CALL THE POLICE, WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION WILL I BE ASKED FOR?

You will initially be asked what you are reporting, where it occurred and when, your name, address, and contact phone number, and possibly other questions depending on the nature of the event you are calling about.

WHAT IF I WANT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS?

It is possible to report events anonymously, but it makes it more difficult for police to investigate. If you would like to keep your information private, you can tell the dispatcher or officer you are speaking to and further ask that they not put your information over the radio. It is helpful, however, if you provide contact information so that the officer can speak with you at a later time by phone or at a private location for additional information.

“Without citizen reports of crime and suspicious activity, investigations and intervention into ongoing problems is much more difficult.”

I KEEP CALLING THE POLICE ABOUT DRUG DEALING IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE?

Often, reports that are received regarding drug activity are used to further ongoing investigations that can take months and sometime years to finalize. We ask that residents continue to call us with information about these activities even if they have called before. The infusion of updated, ongoing information into investigations is critical to their success. Unfortunately, for these investigations to be successful, it is often impossible for investigators to provide feedback directly to the callers.

I'M CONCERNED THAT BY CALLING THE POLICE I MAY BE TARGETED FOR RETALIATION

While it is common for retaliation to be portrayed in the movies, it is less common in real life. If you are concerned, however, you can express your concern to the investigating officer and they can offer some safety tips. As indicated previously, your information can be taken anonymously.

I WANT TO “PRESS CHARGES AGAINST SOMEONE. HOW DO I DO THAT?”

People are frequently under the impression that they can “press charges” against someone, and not aware of the fact that the State actually brings the charge. In criminal cases, the State of Vermont, through a State Attorney, makes a decision whether to bring a charge. In some cases, the State Attorney may bring a charge even if the victim is not cooperative or does not wish to cooperate.

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT OFFICER I SPOKE TO?

We strongly recommend that you ask for the Officer's business card, or write down the Officer's name and badge number. If you did not get the Officer's name, you can contact the Records Division at (802) 655-0221, or the Officer in Charge.

