



Suspicious Activity Reporting Public Safety Intake Guide

The following standardized intake questions can be used by law enforcement agencies to assist in identifying whether a person calling the agency has information that should be reported to the Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network (TxSARNet). These questions help provide an initial framework for obtaining comprehensive, useful information and are not inclusive of all questions that could be asked.

For information regarding specific indicators and behaviors that should be reported to TxSARNet, via iWatchTexas, refer to the Threat to Life SAR Intake Guide and the Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) SAR Indicators and Behaviors Guide.

Some information reported to law enforcement agencies may involve Constitutionally protected activity. No single indicator should be the sole basis for law enforcement action. Political or controversial speech, actions, beliefs, appearances, or way of life does not equate to suspicious activity. Such activities should not be reported absent articulable facts and circumstances that support the source agency's suspicion that the observed behavior is reasonably indicative of criminal activity.

Intake Questions

Who is the caller?

What is the caller's contact information?

Where is the caller located?

Who?

- Identify all of the individuals or vehicles involved in the suspicious activity, including suspects, victims and other witnesses. Describe each individual or vehicle in as much detail as possible.
- Information on individuals could include name, DOB, eye color, hair color, height, build, scars, marks, tattoos, glasses, other identifying marks, etc.
- Is there any known digital media information that is potentially relevant? If so, request the names of the accounts or screenshots of relevant information.

What?

- What concerning or suspicious activity was observed? Solicit as much detail as possible regarding the observed activity, including digital media.
- Request the caller submit any emails, texts, screenshots, voicemails, etc., potentially related to the suspicious activity.

When?

- When did you observe the suspicious activity?

Where?

- Where did you observe the suspicious activity?

Why?

- Why is the observation suspicious?

Next Steps

1. Notify

(Supervisor, LE Officer, etc.)

2. Report

(iWatchTexas.org)

3. Follow-Up

(Additional Assistance, Disposition)

How to Report to iWatchTexas?

iWatchTexas is not designed to report emergencies. For emergencies, please handle according to your agency protocols.

3 Ways to Submit a Tip



iWatchTexas app

Available in the app stores for iPhone and Android. Search "iWatchTexas"



Website

www.iWatchTexas.org



Phone

844-643-2251

Submit tips 24/7

iWatchTexas Process

STEP 1



Submit confidential report

Students, parents, teachers or concerned individuals can confidentially report potential harmful or criminal activities.

STEP 2



iWatchTexas receives, analyzes and forwards report.

STEP 3



Officials respond to, investigate and resolve report.

Law enforcement and school officials may also refer the report to appropriate authorities, such as child protective services, mental health services, etc.