

It may be remembered that every citizen is a policeman without uniform and every Policeman is a citizen in uniform. Participation from the members of public in the functioning of police is very important as it not only helps the police but also the public.



In several cases, witnesses are unwilling to disclose information of local crime incidents as they fear reprisals at the hands of criminal elements. Sometimes citizens want to give information about serious crimes such as unauthorized weapons, narcotic drugs, explosives, contrabands etc, while not disclosing their identities. To help such citizens, this service has been started.

HOW CAN PEOPLE HELP POLICE

Citizens can help the police in two ways:

(a) In Investigation of crime.

(b) In prevention of crime.

(a) In investigation, people can pass on valuable information to police regarding:

- ✓ Description of the accused / suspects.
- ✓ Registration number and description of the vehicle involved in the commission of crime and the direction in which it departed after the commission of crime.
- ✓ Reporting that a vehicle has been abandoned in a public place for a long time
- ✓ Reporting information about weapons
- ✓ Reporting information about explosives
- ✓ Reporting information about contrabands
- ✓ Reporting information about narcotic drugs, etc.
- ✓ The members of the public are also advised not to handle anything which would help in collecting valuable piece of evidence against the offender; nor should they disturb the scene of offence till the arrival of police.

- ✓ In several countries abroad, there are crime-fighting programmes known as CRIME STOPPERS to deal with crime while keeping the citizenry perfectly insulated.

(b) In the prevention of crime:

- ✓ Here also, members of the public can play a major role. Merely taking safety precautions in one's own interest is also a major contribution. Important tips for the members of the public are provided in the earlier paragraphs.

(c) For Police

- ✓ System of preventive action under the Criminal procedure code, Bombay Police Act and other preventive legislations.
- ✓ Surveillance of Criminals.
- ✓ Beat , Mobile ,foot patrolling , Naka bandis, combing operation and raids.
- ✓ Monitoring of records.
- ✓ Checking active Criminal in your jurisdiction regularly.
- ✓ Watch Jail release Criminal activity.

(D) For Citizen

- ✓ Do not allow strangers into the house
- ✓ Do not keep valuables or large amounts of cash in the house. It is safe to keep the valuables and cash in bank locker.
- ✓ Small windows like ventilators, skylights, bathroom windows also can be used by a thief to enter, if the gap is larger than a human head Hence, it is important to secure these windows by either putting iron bar.
- ✓ If you notice strangers loitering in residential streets, call the Police.
- ✓ Do not display large amount of cash in public places.
- ✓ If your credit card is stolen, Quick inform the concerned bank and Police Station.
- ✓ Pick pockets and snatchers work in team, when one distracts, the other clears you pocket avoid getting distracted.
- ✓ Whenever you carry big amount of cash either to deposit in bank or after withdrawal from the bank, take somebody with you.
- ✓ Be alert ! call the police if something is wrong.