



Ballard Safety & Reporting Guide

Whether you are a business owner or a resident of downtown Ballard, this guide is intended to provide you with needed resources that will help you decide what to do in time-sensitive safety situations as well as other issues that you may encounter during your day-to-day activities.

Active Crime

If a crime is actively occurring, call 9-1-1!

Tips when calling 9-1-1

- [English](#) | [Amharic / አማርኛ](#) | [Chinese \(Simplified\) / 简体中文](#) | [Somali / af Soomaali](#) | [Spanish / Español](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt](#) | [Korean / 한국어](#) | [Arabic / عربية](#)

Person in Crisis

There may be times when an individual is in crisis. **If an individual in crisis is threatening violence toward themselves or others, call 9-1-1.** If no immediate threat of violence:

- King County Crisis Connections: 1-866-427-4747
- SPD Community Service Officers: 206-256-6213

General Safety Issues or Nuisance Presence

For issues occurring in, or just outside, your store or building that do not present an immediate safety threat, but include unwanted or unsafe behavior:

- SPD Community Service Officers: 206-256-6213

Lower-Level Issues: Use Find It, Fix It

Download the City of Seattle [Find It, Fix It](#) App for your phone or use the [Online Portal](#). This tool will allow you to report on a wide range of issues such as: potholes, sidewalk issues, illegally parked cars or RVs, unauthorized encampments, lighting and other general maintenance issues that require City attention.

Reporting a Crime After it Happens

Remember: **if you are witnessing an active crime always call 9-1-1**. Not only will this provide the fastest response, but it will also ensure that the call is reported. Reporting calls helps provide relevant data that informs SPD patrolling decisions as well as broader City policy decisions.

What Crimes Can I Report Online?

If the crime is not listed below, you cannot file it online. This includes stolen vehicle reports or anything that requires immediate action. The online reporting system is not monitored live. **If you need an immediate response to an active crime, call 9-1-1.**

Incidents reported online must: (1) Not be an emergency (2) Have occurred within Seattle City Limits (3) Have no known suspects or information about the crime that can be followed up on.

Property Crimes

- Property Destruction
- Graffiti
- Car Break Ins
- Theft
- Shoplifting

Other Crimes

- Drug Activity
- Harassing Phone Calls
- Credit Card Fraud
- Wage Theft
- Identity Theft
- Lost Property

[File Online with SPD](#) OR call 9-1-1 and tell the call-taker **“I need to report a crime.”** You will be placed in a secondary queue but will not be dropped from the call.

[Additional Victim Info Report](#): add additional witness info to your original Police Report. Be sure to reference your original Report Number.

Crime Prevention Resources

The Ballard Alliance partners with the Seattle Police Department to organize safety assessments for business owners and/or managers of residential buildings. If you are interested, please contact Wyatt Hoffman at wyatt@ballardalliance.com

SPD [Crime Prevention Resources](#) & [Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design](#)

- **Videos:** [Security Outside your Home](#) | [Door Security](#) | [Avoiding Car Prowls](#) | [Window Security](#)
- **Webpages:** [Mail and Package Theft Prevention](#) | [Burglary Prevention](#) | [Personal Safety](#) | [Vehicle Theft Prevention](#) | [Car Prowl Prevention](#) | [Bike Theft Prevention](#)

Not Covered Above?

Call (206) 684-CITY | [Find It, Fix It](#) App or [Online](#)
Citywide Inquiries, M-F 8am-5pm | Submit & track reported issues