911 KNOW HOW

You should call 911 anytime you need emergency response from police, fire or emergency medical personnel. An emergency is generally classified as an event that is or has the potential of being life threatening or is a crime in progress.

- Stay calm and do not hang up
- Do not assume that we know where you are, especially if you are calling from a cell phone
- Talk to the operator, not someone in the background
- Talk to children about how to call 911 and when to call 911

The information you give to the 911 operator should be as detailed as possible:

- The location
- The nature of the Emergency
- A description of any Suspects involved (sex, race, age range, height, weight, hair color, description of clothing, etc.)
- A description of any Vehicle involved (make, model, color, tag number, body style, identifying features, etc.)
- Direction of travel if suspect left
- Weapons involved? Injuries?

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

You are the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. To start a neighborhood watch call the Riverdale Police Department’s Community Service Office for information.

The Riverdale Police Department thanks you for taking a proactive stand in your Community.

Lieutenant Nicole Rabel
Community Services Office
770-909-5416
nrabel@riverdalega.gov

Crime in your area: www.crimereports.com
City ordinances: www.municode.com

CITY OFFICIALS

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Mr. An’cel Davis, Councilperson, Ward 2
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Mission Statement

We are a value driven organization dedicated to our community and the protection of all who live in and visit our city.

Our primary focus is public safety and the reduction of crime through strategic partnerships with the community.

Riverdale Police Department
Internationally Accredited Agency
Chief R. T. Spivey
Assistant Chief M. Reynolds
SAFETY TIPS—WALKING

- Walk with someone or near a group.
- Walk confidently at a steady pace—do not appear to be afraid or lost.
- If you must walk at night do so in well lit areas and know what businesses are open.
- Stay on well traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas or alleys.
- Don’t wear shoes or clothes that restrict your movement.
- Don’t show money or other items like expensive jewelry or clothing.
- Carry your purse close to your body. Carry your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- If you believe someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Walk toward a lighted house or open store. Yell if needed.
- Never accept rides from strangers.
- Be cautious when giving directions or help to pedestrians or motorists. Keep a safe distance to avoid getting grabbed or dragged into a vehicle.
- Tell someone where you are going and the direction you are going in.

SAFETY TIPS—HOME

- Keep serial numbers for all of your belongings.
- Place valuables in a safe or inconspicuous place.
- Monitor who has keys to all of your doors.
- Leave a TV or radio on if you are running errands.
- Buy high quality dead bolts and use them. The throw of a deadbolt is the length that the deadbolt extends out of the door edge. A minimum throw of 1” is recommended. The longer the throw the harder to gain entry by spreading the doorframe.
- Use a security strike plate.
- Exterior doors should be solid wood and should not have glass insets.
- Install a peephole.
- Do not open the door for strangers, unexpected repair people or unscheduled deliveries.
- Always ask for company identification, call to verify if needed.
- Never give out personal information over the phone or on your answering machine.
- When you are away for extended periods of time put your lights on timers.
- Ask a trusted neighbor, friend or family member to check on your house while you are away. Stop your mail and newspapers.
- Make sure all your windows have functioning locks.
- Make sure all windows and doors can be unlocked quickly in an emergency.

VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave your keys in your vehicle or hide a second set.
- Never leave your vehicle running, even if you will only be gone a minute.
- Don’t leave items of value in plain view.
- Park in a well lit area; an attended lot if possible.
- Lock your vehicle and close all windows.
- Back into the parking space.
- Don’t leave the original title or registration in your vehicle.
- Replace “T” locks with straight locks, they are harder to open.
- Use an ignition kill switch, alarms, OnStar, LoJack, wheel lock, etc.
- Use a remote to lock and unlock doors
- Lock your doors immediately after getting into your vehicle.
- Never leave children unattended.