



What is Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is a telephone hotline and website for members of the community to provide information about criminal activity. Callers do not need to give their name and can remain anonymous which allows the caller to overcome any fear of involvement.

Information about criminal activity either current or in the past provided to Crime Stoppers is electronically sent to the police office nearest to where the crime is occurring for investigation.

How does Crime Stoppers work?

- Whether a person calls or reports online they may remain anonymous.
- Calls are not recorded or taped.
- Callers are not identified in any way.
- Callers are allocated a code number:
 - To provide further information
 - To check on the progress of the investigation
 - To claim a reward in they are eligible (only if someone is arrested from their information)
- All calls are answered by a police officer who is trained to take the information.

History of Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers began in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA in 1976. The program now operates in a further 1200 locations world wide, including every state and territory in Australia.

The Crime Stoppers program started in Western Australia in February 1995 with the aim of creating a safer community. The key benefit of the program is that it allows anyone from the general public to pass on information about criminal activity anonymously.

In the past Crime Stoppers adopted a general approach in encouraging the community to provide information on crime and criminals. They now recognise that important information can come from anyone, young or old, and Crime Stoppers wants to encourage young people to help make the program an even bigger success in the future.

