

C.R.I.M.E

Confirm - Record - Inform - Mitigate - Escalate

The C.R.I.M.E. Protocols [\(Scope Attributes\)](#)

Neighbourhood Crime Watchers Community Intelligence Framework

C.R.I.M.E. is a five-step, psychologically informed reporting framework developed by Neighbourhood Crime Watchers (**NCW**).

It is designed to help residents move from high-stress *survival mode* into *evidence mode*, enabling clear, lawful reporting that police and courts can rely on.

Crime disrupts perception, memory, and decision-making. This is neuroscience, not weakness.

C.R.I.M.E. provides a deliberate reset so chaos becomes evidence that counts.

The Science Behind the C.R.I.M.E acronym

When crime affects you or someone close to you, the brain does not behave like a TV detective. It behaves like a human under threat.

Australian Government **Open Arms** confirms that when the brain detects danger, the body can enter a *fight-flight-freeze* response, releasing adrenaline and increasing heart rate.

Queensland Health explains that this adrenaline surge can cause *tunnel vision*, reducing peripheral awareness.

Research from **Griffith University** shows that under acute stress, perceptual narrowing impairs detail recall. People remember the threat, not the specifics.

From a legal perspective. Police and magistrates rely on those missing details. **C.R.I.M.E** exists to recover them lawfully.

The C.R.I.M.E. Protocol

C – Check Yourself, Then Confirm

(ALL EMERGENCIES DEFAULT TO 000)

Your brain cannot think clearly in danger. Safety comes first.
If a threat is active, call **000** immediately.
Do not investigate, confront, or wander outside to “have a look”.

Rule: *Your Safety first. Curiosity second.*
You can't protect your loved ones from the grave.
Your family needs you safe.

R – Record

Memory degrades rapidly after shock. Capture facts early from a safe location.
Use structured prompts: **time, location, direction of travel, clothing, vehicles, behaviour.**
Preserve original footage and images. Metadata and timestamps matter.

Rule: *Facts beat feelings, every time.* Be smart, Record the detail

I – Inform

- **000** for emergencies
- **Policelink 131 444** for non-urgent matters

Then upload the same material to **ourncw.com**.
This turns isolated reports into mapped community intelligence.

Any information must go to Police first.
Always obtain and keep the **QP Number**.

Non-negotiable.

M – Mitigate

Crime thrives on convenience. Mitigation removes it.
Secure gates, repair lighting, harden targets, and coordinate with neighbours.

Mitigation restores control, calms the nervous system, and prevents fear from running the household.

E – Escalate

NCW verifies, consolidates, and maps intelligence across **time, location, behaviour, vehicles, and repeat tactics**.

Using lawful, publicly available information and existing NCW intelligence, patterns are identified and escalated through proper channels to Police and stakeholders.

Where residents are affected, NCW supports referrals to counselling, victim services, and trusted local make-safe and repair support.

If risk becomes persistent or systemic, escalation may extend to media, elected representatives, and government using legally safe pathways.

The message to criminals is clear and noted: **“This community is organised, observant, and keeps lawful records which will be used against you”**

Psychological Evidence-Based

C.R.I.M.E is built on established research pillars:

- **Stress & Memory (C + R):** High stress impairs free recall. Structured prompts improve accuracy.
- **Bystander Behaviour (C + I):** Clear instructions reduce freeze responses and diffusion of responsibility.
- **Cognitive Interviewing (R):** Specific cues increase correct information retrieval.
- **Collective Efficacy (M + E):** Coordinated communities experience lower neighbourhood crime.
- **Procedural Justice (I + E):** Clear, legitimate pathways increase reporting and cooperation.

The “No Rumours” Principle

Unverified social media posts do not protect communities. [Australian Regulators](#), the [Queensland Police Service](#) and [Crimestoppers](#), warn that misinformation increases fear and can trigger vigilantism. **NCW** intelligence is handled through formal, documented, and lawful processes to ensure safety, accuracy, and legal defensibility. **Disclaimer:** [C.R.I.M.E](#) the intellectual property of [Neighbourhood Crime Watchers - Community Intelligence](#) and is protected under the same Australian Legislative Laws, Copyright laws & Human Rights as all Australian citizens. All information in this document is affixed in the [NCW Protocols & Guidelines. Neighbourhood Crime Watchers – Community Intelligence](#) <https://ourncw.com>