

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEMBER?

1. Develop a watchful, concerned attitude. Be aware of what's going on in your area of the neighborhood.
2. Report suspicious persons, vehicles and activities to the police immediately.
3. Let someone in the group know when your home will be unoccupied, and watch your neighbor's home when he/she is away.
4. Participate in "We Call Police" and have an officer conduct a Security Survey of your home.
5. Attend regular meetings with other Watch Group members.

REMEMBER...

- Neighborhood Watch doesn't require frequent meetings or a loss of privacy.
- It doesn't ask that any group member take any personal risk.
- Neighborhood Watch leaves the responsibility for apprehending criminals where it belongs... with the police.

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A GOOD NEIGHBOR is a great crime prevention tool. Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement can make one of the best crime-fighting teams around.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Today!

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Neighborhood Watch Program

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Who watches?
Listens? Reports?



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THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



WHAT IS IT?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of citizens working in cooperation with law enforcement, to discourage residential crime.

You may have heard it referred to by other names, such as Neighborhood Block Watch, Citizen Crime Watch or Home Alert.

The names differ, but the idea is the same...

NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEANS:

- Neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program to promote mutual assistance;
- Residents learning how to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods to Police; and
- People using proven crime prevention techniques such as keeping your landscaping trimmed low and installing motion-sensor lights in the darker areas outside of your home.

HOW DOES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORK?

You and your neighbors are in a unique position to really know what goes on in your neighborhood.

Ask yourself: Would a Police Officer recognize a stranger in your yard or a suspicious vehicle in your driveway?

Maybe not. But your neighbors probably would!

And that's what Neighborhood Watch is all about - organizing the eyes and ears of an entire neighborhood into a powerful, 24-hour-a-day barrier that is difficult to penetrate... thus protecting neighborhoods from crime.

AND IT WORKS!

Why? In cooperation with each other and the Countryside Police Department, members of an organized Neighborhood Watch group learn how to fight crime the most effective way... **before it occurs!**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH helps members to:

- Improve security for their families, homes, and personal belongings.
- Recognize and report suspicious and unusual activity in their neighborhood to Police.
- Build a communications network that works to protect their neighborhood.
- Achieve a feeling of genuine security through their ability to actually **deter** crime.

IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REALLY EFFECTIVE?

You BET IT IS! The reason is simple:

DESIRE OPPORTUNITY ABILITY

Criminals must have all three of these elements if they are to be successful.

Neighborhood Watch groups deny criminals of both the OPPORTUNITY and the ABILITY needed by refusing to allow the criminal the chance to operate undetected.

All across the United States, wherever Neighborhood Watch groups are active the reduction of crime has been both substantial and dramatic.

STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP IS EASY:

First, contact the Countryside Police Department at 708-352-2171. We will help you get a group started in your neighborhood.

Next, talk to your neighbors! They've probably already heard about Neighborhood Watch.

Then, arrange a date, time, and place for your first meeting. One of our Crime Prevention Specialists will be on hand to present the program to your group.

The officer will explain the Neighborhood Watch concept, discuss effective crime prevention techniques, and explain what it takes to make the group highly effective.