

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime creates and feeds upon.
- It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the community.
- Any community resident can join: young and old, single and married, renter and home owner.
- Members learn how to make their homes safer, watch out for one another, and report suspicious activities to the police.
- You can form a Watch group around any geographical unit: a block, apartment, park business area, public housing complex, office, etc.

GET ORGANIZED

- Contact a crime prevention organization:

Senior Lead Officer (see inside)
LA Bridges (323) 441-0187.
City Councilmember 3-1-1

A crime prevention organization will help in training members in home security and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns.

- Select a coordinator and block captains who are responsible for organizing meetings.
- Captains will recruit members and make special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and youth.

STAY ACTIVE

- Organize community patrols to walk the neighborhood and alert police to crime and suspicious activities.
- Identify problems needing attention.
- Adopt a park or school playground.
- Pick up litter and paint over graffiti.
- Organize social events for neighbors to get to know each other.

Neighborhood Improvement Guide #3: Public Safety

How to start your own neighborhood watch

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