

YOUR HOME SECURITY CHECK LIST

Use this check list as a guide to examine the security of your home.

PERIMETER SECURITY: Answer each question YES or NO

- Is your address visible from the street and alley at night?
- Are your fences and gates in good repair?
- Are storage sheds and garages kept locked?
- Is outdoor equipment stored properly?
- Are all garage windows properly secured?
- Does the outside lighting illuminate all entrances and low-hanging windows?
- Are shrubbery and trees properly trimmed so as to not allow seclusion for would-be burglars?

INSIDE SECURITY:

- Do all exterior doors have quality dead bolt locks with one-inch bolts?
- Are all exterior doors of solid wood or steel construction?
- Do exterior doors fit snugly when closed?
- Are all hinge pins facing the inside of the door?
- Is there a door viewer installed in the front door?
- Are all first-floor windows equipped with quality locks or dowell-pinned?
- Are all basement windows properly secured?
- Do you use timers on appliances/lights when you are not home?
- Do you use smoke detectors (with fresh batteries)?
- Do you have a burglar alarm installed on your home?
- Do you personally know all of your neighbors (both on your block and adjacent blocks)?

If you have answered "NO" to any of these questions, then your home is not as secure as you might have thought. Contact your District Public Affairs Officer at **444-0100 (South Patrol Division), 444-2500 (Central Patrol Division), 444-0001 (North Patrol Division)** today and schedule a free **HOME SECURITY SURVEY**.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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Citizen involvement in crime prevention efforts has become an essential element in controlling and reducing crime. Police witness only a small fraction of the crime committed. It has been shown that the majority of crimes committed are witnessed by citizens such as yourself. When a crime is committed, Police Officers depend on observant citizens to report and assist in prosecution. **This is how crime is reduced in any neighborhood.** In short, the safety and security of a community depend on the willingness of its citizenry to become actively involved in its Police Department's crime prevention efforts. Neighborhood Watch is the vehicle by which citizens, in cooperation with the police, can reduce crime in their communities.

Your Police Department is in the process of implementing a new philosophy, wherein officers will re-acquaint themselves with neighborhood residents. Officers will help residents resolve those area problems that are of importance to them. This innovative approach is **Community Oriented Policing** or **COPS**. Community Oriented Policing and Neighborhood Watch work in conjunction with each other to substantially reduce crime and create a safe environment for all.

These two initiatives will bring neighbors together for the common purpose of making our homes and streets safe once again. With citizens and police working together, this can be accomplished.



"TOGETHER WE CAN"

HOW DO I GO ABOUT SETTING UP NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

The first step is to contact your neighbors, obtain a meeting date, time, and place. The more individuals involved, the better your crime prevention results will be. When you contact neighbors, ascertain what problems are important to them.

The second step is to contact your District Public Affairs Officer and schedule that Officer for your meeting. This can be done by calling 444-0100 (South Patrol Division), 444-2500 (Central Patrol Division), 444-0001 (North Patrol Division).

The Public Affairs Officer will train residents in the latest crime prevention techniques. You will be shown how to spot suspicious activity before a crime is committed. Ask yourself, "What is suspicion?" "How do criminals act before committing a crime?" "What should I do if I see suspicious activity?" These are a few of the topics the Public Affairs Officer will discuss. In addition, that officer will:

Research crime statistics and related information for presentation to the group.

Provide handout literature, Neighborhood Watch sign-up sheets, and other related material.

Follow up through regular contacts with neighborhood leaders.

Procure the placement of Neighborhood Watch Warning Signs in the neighborhood.

Send criminals a message today. Let them know that you, your neighbors, and the entire community will no longer tolerate crime in your neighborhood. Participate in the **Neighborhood Watch Program** today.

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