



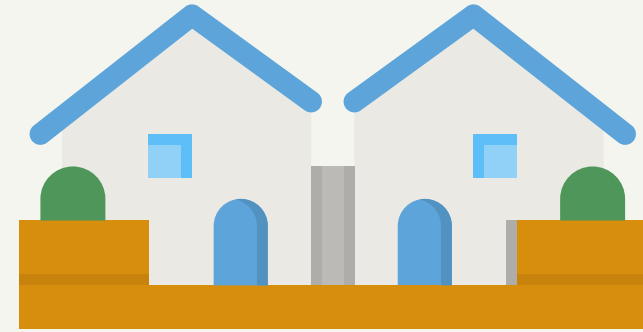
- Do you know your neighbors?
- Do you know what suspicious behavior is?
- Do you know when to call for law enforcement assistance?
- Do you know the crime trends in your area?

If you answered *no* to any of these questions, *now* is the time to start a Neighborhood Watch group. Neighborhood Watch is a two-meeting program intended to bring your neighbors together to decrease or eliminate crime in your neighborhoods. The training, which is provided at no cost, will help you and your neighbors identify situations in your neighborhood that should be reported. Upon completion of the second meeting, Neighborhood Watch signs may be placed in your neighborhood.

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# Neighborhood Watch



A program designed to educate you and your neighbors on effective crime prevention techniques for your home and neighborhood.



# What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a community based crime prevention program where law enforcement and the community work together to enhance neighborhood security and heighten awareness. The program is designed to improve quality of life and reduce crime in your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch is a problem-solving crime prevention strategy that addresses citizen concerns, provides safety tips, and focuses on crime trends in your area.

*Prevention is the best protection against crime.*

# What are the benefits?

*A collaborative policing approach through:*

- Learning effective crime prevention techniques for your home and neighborhood.
- Getting to know your neighbors and building community spirit through cohesiveness and collaboration.
- Recognizing and reporting suspicious activity.
- Meeting with local law enforcement personnel and developing partnerships that support two-way informational exchanges.
- Receiving special event notifications.

# How to get started:

- Contact the Crime Prevention Specialist at Mission Viejo Police Services to request information about Neighborhood Watch.
- Talk with your neighbors to coordinate a date for the first meeting. A Neighborhood Watch group should consist of about 10-20 homes. The success of the program depends on resident participation.
- Once a date, time, and location have been established, the Crime Prevention Specialist will provide meeting flyers for distribution in your neighborhood.



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