

newspaper subscriptions may use an unanswered doorbell as the opportunity to enter an unsecured home.

- The person “taking a short-cut” through your backyard may have broken into your neighbour’s home. Don’t assume someone else has called... **CALL THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.**
- Write down licence numbers and descriptions of strange vehicles parked at your neighbour’s house.

Watch for:

- Suspicious persons or activities
- Write down licence numbers and descriptions
- Vehicles passing by numerous times, suspiciously parked or constantly travelling alleyways.

Protect yourself by:

- Good lighting
- Good lock security
- Secure all doors and windows when house is unoccupied
- Let a trusted neighbour know when you are on vacation
- Join Operation Identification
- **MAKE THE EFFORT! BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS.**

CRIME PREVENTION

TORONTO POLICE SERVICE



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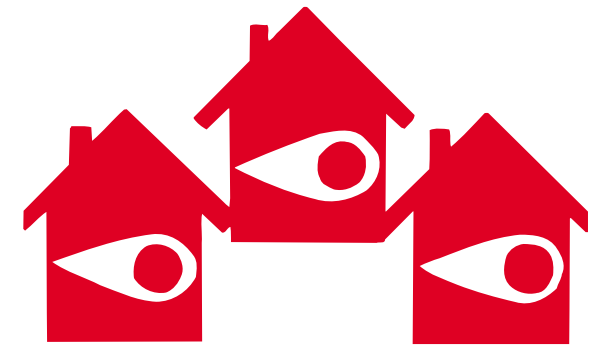
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For more information on this program contact **Neighbourhood Watch** at 416-225-1102 or your local Crime Prevention Officer.

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Working Together to Prevent Crime...

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Neighbourhood Watch



“A self-help crime prevention program to reduce threats to you and your neighbour’s property.”

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is simply a program of neighbors watching other neighbor property during times when burglaries are likely to occur. A police officer patrolling your community may not recognize a stranger in your yard - but your neighbors would!

How does it work?

The program works through mutual aid - **NEIGHBORS WATCHING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS**. Neighbors know who you are, what type of car you own and may be the first to notice a burglar at your window or door. Each neighbor can effectively watch those homes to each side, the front, and the back of their own home.

How to develop the program

To develop a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood, contact your police. They will assist in developing a community plan. For the program to be totally effective, each resident must take an active role in both security improvement and observation.

If you see something suspicious

Write down the description of any suspicious person. Get the make, model, colour, and licence number of

strange vehicles. Call the police and other members of your Neighbourhood Watch Group immediately.

If you are going away

Leave the following information with a trusted friend or neighbour:

- Where you are going
- How you can be reached, in case of emergency
- When you expect to turn
- If anybody will be at your home (gardener, repairperson)

- Leave a key with your neighbour.

What else can you do

If you know your neighbour is away and you see an obvious invitation to a burglar, correct it. Close the open garage door and remove the accumulation of newspapers from the doorstep. Why not be friendly?

- Keep an eye on strangers in your neighbourhood. The unauthorized candy seller or the teenager selling

