

## KEY ELEMENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- Neighborhood get-togethers: Have at least one meeting or block party a year.
- Communication system: Phone tree, email list or social media group (ex: Facebook, Nextdoor) are excellent forms of communicating with neighbors. Neighbors can quickly be alerted to crimes in their area.
- Organization: Select the chairman and block captains (if needed). The chairman provides leadership for the Watch group and acts as a contact person between the neighborhood and the Crime Prevention Unit.
- Distribution of crime prevention literature and newsletters.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER

- Know your neighbors. Watch out for each other, work together and communicate with your neighbors.
- Be informed and aware of area crime activity.
- Incorporate crime prevention strategies by lighting up your residence, locking your home and vehicles, and closing your blinds/drapes in the evening.
- Note license plate numbers and description of suspicious vehicles and persons.
- Report criminal and suspicious activity, and victimizations to the police department, and then to your Watch chairman.



## CONTACT US & GET INVOLVED

Boise Police Department  
Crime Prevention Unit

Phone: (208) 570-6070

Web: [cityofboise.org/police](http://cityofboise.org/police)

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (208) 377-6790  
(to report suspicious activity, report an abandoned vehicle or to contact a police officer)

Email: [crimeprevention@cityofboise.org](mailto:crimeprevention@cityofboise.org)

TTY Relay: (800) 377-3529



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## WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- Neighbors working together to reduce and prevent crime.
- Extra eyes and ears for reporting suspicious and criminal activity.
- Partnership between neighborhoods and law enforcement.



## WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

It works! Law enforcement professionals in communities with active Neighborhood Watch programs report dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses.



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

### GOAL:

To reduce and prevent residential crime.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Teach citizens how to secure their homes.
- Encourage neighbors to become better acquainted and work together.
- Train citizens to recognize and report of suspicious activity.
- Open communication between neighborhoods and the Boise Police Department.

## HOW DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP START?

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents, or a community organization can spearhead the efforts to establish a Watch group. They can contact the Boise Police Crime Prevention Unit for an informational booklet and to schedule the initial meeting with the neighbors.

The initial meeting will establish the purpose of the program, begin to identify issues that need to be addressed, train members in home security and reporting skills, and provide information on crime in that area.

## WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Any resident can be involved, whether young or old, single or married, renter or homeowner. Even the busiest people can belong to Neighborhood Watch and...

**keep an eye out**  
for their  
**neighbors.**



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