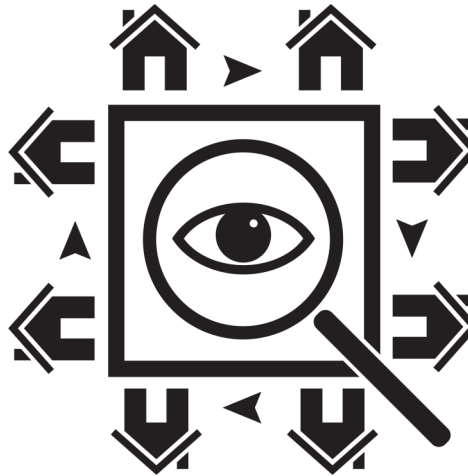


**Report ALL Suspicious Activity  
to the Clayton Police**

- Anyone looking into parked cars
- A stranger lurking around a neighbor's home
- Anyone loitering around neighborhood schools
- Anyone carrying unwrapped property down the street
- Anyone peering into a home
- Any suspicious occupied vehicle
- Vehicles parked in the neighborhood for an abnormal amount of time
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with not apparent destination or without lights

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AREA**

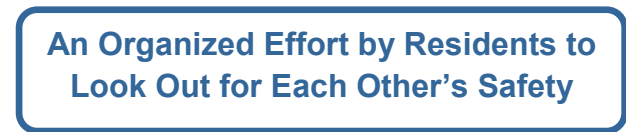


*Crime prevention begins at home.*

The goal is to make your neighborhood a safer and more comfortable place to live through crime prevention and problem solving strategies. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between the community and the Police Department.



**Neighborhood  
Watch**



# What is Neighborhood

## Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a Community Action and Problem-Solving Program, and one of the most effective means available for resolving issues within your community. Through organized problem-solving activities, your block can deter crime from your neighborhood and address any community issues that concern residents.



The Neighborhood Watch program relies on the best tool ever invented—a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. Neighborhood Watch is not guard-duty. It's focusing on community issues, forming community action groups, getting to resolutions, which entails being aware of suspicious activity and knowing what to do about it. It also develops a friendly, neighborhood communication network. Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement make one of the best crime fighting teams around..

# How to Start a Neighborhood

## Watch Group

It's easy! Select the area to be covered by your Neighborhood Watch block. A block consists of 10-50 homes that surround you. Contact the Clayton Police Department to attend your first meeting.

As a Neighborhood Watch Captain, personally contact and talk with as many block participants as possible. Share the information about the meeting and invite them to attend.

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## What a NW Captain does:

- Serves as a liaison between residents and the Police Department
- Recruit new NW members, striving for 100% participation
- Responsible for making and distributing block/community maps
- Notify members of upcoming meetings
- Distribute crime alerts and information
- It is important to hold the meeting in the home of a neighbor to encourage an informal atmosphere. If this is not possible, consider the following possibilities:
  - \* Neighborhood School
  - \* Church
  - \* Community Center
  - \* Local library meeting room
- Plan to have additional group meetings and other activities, such as BBQs, ice cream socials, etc., to continue to tell the crime element you've claimed your neighborhood from them!



## What We Do:

- Participate in your first meeting and discuss the following:
  - \* Purpose of Neighborhood Watch—what it is and what it is not
  - \* Define law enforcement's role
  - \* Discuss *specific* crime problems in your neighborhood