



CRIME PREVENTION IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Crime prevention is a lot of things you might not think of; it's more than just locks, alarms and keeping an eye open for suspicious characters. Each of us is involved in crime prevention activities in our daily lives.

Helping your neighbours, coaching youths, taking part in sport and recreation programs, having family safety plans and educating your family on crime prevention tips are some of the many things that contribute to the health and well being of our community.

Everyone has a role in making their home and their community safe and there are lots of ways to do it.

Block Watch

Block Watch is all about neighbours helping neighbours. Households, apartments or condominiums on a block form a communication chain aided by a reference of names, telephone numbers and addresses. Participants watch out for each others' homes and report suspicious activities to the police and to each other. This communication is crucial in reducing the likelihood of residential crime.

Don't sit back, be proactive, and take part in your community. A break and enter can be prevented if criminals know there are watchful neighbours.

Benefits of Block Watch/Neighbourhood Watch Programs

- Studies have shown that crime reduces in those neighbourhoods that have an active Block Watch program.
- Block Watch participants are more likely to watch for and notice suspicious behaviour, and call police.
- Block Watch participants who call police when seeing suspicious behaviour are actively helping to reduce or prevent crime in their neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Watch programs encourage a sense of community pride and community awareness.