
NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME FACTS

- ◀ Burglary, auto theft, thefts from vehicles and vandalism are the most prevalent neighborhood crimes
- ◀ Household burglary is one of the easiest crimes to commit and prevent but one of the most difficult to solve
- ◀ Most home burglars are young amateurs looking for easy targets
- ◀ Statistics show that in over one-half of household burglaries there was not any forced entry involved
- ◀ A majority of household burglaries occur during daylight hours
- ◀ Household burglary has a high potential for death or injury in cases where a burglar is surprised by the property owner
- ◀ Across the nation, one out of every 12 households is victimized by the crime of burglary

WHY IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

One of the most effective means of reducing crime in neighborhoods is an organization of neighbors helping each other.

FACT: **CONCERNED NEIGHBORS REDUCE CRIME!**

Putting into practice the time-honored “good neighbor” policy is still the single most important factor in solving problems – including crime. Maybe your neighborhood doesn’t have a crime problem, but don’t count on it. Typically a neighborhood forms a Neighborhood Watch after a crisis has occurred. Why not start a Neighborhood Watch today before a crisis occurs?

You can take steps to make your neighborhood a safer place to live. Is it worth the investment? Definitely!

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KEIZER POLICE DEPARTMENT Neighborhood Watch Program

A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO CRIME PREVENTION

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WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch is a citizen organized and maintained program within neighborhoods to prevent or reduce crime. Block organizers initiate the program with the assistance of the Keizer Police Department.

The purpose of this brochure is to tell you how the Neighborhood Watch Program works and how to organize and maintain a successful program. Neighborhood Watch was created to obtain citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime. The program uses citizen involvement to secure their own homes and personal property and to report any suspicious activity to the police. Since its creation over fifteen years ago, it has brought a dramatic drop in the local residential crime rate.

HOW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WORKS

Neighborhood Watch operates to educate participants in the principles of deterrence, delay and detection. The program depends on a communication network organized with three levels of participants – the residents, block captains and the Keizer Police Department. Vigilante actions are in no way condoned by the Neighborhood Watch Program. No one is asked to take personal risks or be a hero.

More arrests come from neighbors reporting suspicious circumstances to the police than from routine police patrol. If every person who saw suspicious activity in their neighborhood contacted the police, more criminal activity could be prevented. Calling the police when you see something suspicious isn't being a nosy neighbor – it's being a considerate one!

Neighborhood Watch is to be one of the most effective and cost efficient crime prevention programs in the country. By anticipating crime before it occurs, and adopting sound preventive techniques, we can work together to reduce it.

PARTICIPANTS DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each neighborhood would have a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and/or Co-Captains; they are the coordinators in your area and would take the responsibility for recruiting and organizing your group activities. They would also serve as the primary contact with the Keizer Police Department for Neighborhood Watch Activities.

Block Captain / Co-Captain

- ✓ Schedule periodic group meetings (at least every year) and encourage each household to attend
- ✓ Act as a liaison between households and the police for Neighborhood Watch activities
- ✓ Advise new neighbors about the program
- ✓ Keep the watch roster and map data current
- ✓ Distribute information to members

Participating Families

- ✓ Attend the program meetings and read information as it is distributed
- ✓ Secure your home and personal property
- ✓ Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to neighbors or police immediately
- ✓ Have your newspapers and mail stopped or picked up when away

✓ Inform your neighbors and block captain if you plan to be away so that special attention can be given to your home

✓ Inform the Keizer Police Department when you plan to be on vacation or away from your home for an extended period of time. Vacation Notification Forms are available at the police department and are accessible to officers should there be a problem at your residence when you're away.

✓ Get involved. This is your neighborhood

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS A
PROVEN CRIME REDUCTION
PROGRAM. IT'S SUCCESS
DEPENDS ON YOU AND YOUR
NEIGHBORS**
