



What will a Neighbourhood Watch program do for me?

Neighbourhood Watch provides you with information and programs about keeping you, your neighbours and your community safe.

A Neighbourhood Watch program teaches you how to:

- Increase community communication and knowledge
- Reduce preventable crime
- Encourage reporting of criminal or suspicious activity
- Improve the quality of information passed on to police
- Improve the level of home security
- Improve personal safety
- Record serial numbers and mark your property
- Help reduce the fear of crime, particularly for the vulnerable and elderly



REPORT ANY CRIMINAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO POLICE, NO MATTER HOW UNIMPORTANT YOU BELIEVE IT IS.

Who do I call?

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| In an emergency: For Police, Fire or Ambulance. If it is happening now, phone Triple Zero. Where life or property is threatened or in danger. | 000 106 (For hearing and speech impaired) |
| For all non urgent police assistance: To report an offence or other matters requiring police attendance. | 131 444 |
| Domestic violence related matters: This can include: - physical abuse - damage to property - sexual abuse - verbal abuse - harassment or intimidation - financial abuse, or - threatening to do any of these things. | 131 444 |
| Hoon behaviour: Dangerous driving includes speeding, illegal street racing, burnouts, playing loud music from car stereos, marine hooning and drink driving. | 131 444 |
| Crime Stoppers: For anonymous reporting. | 1800 333 000 |

For more information and security tips or to contact your State or Territory Neighbourhood Watch office, go to the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia website:

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Join Neighbourhood Watch today!**



Neighbourhood Watch



What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a community led safety and awareness program that aims to prevent crime, stop social isolation and increase the safety, security and quality of life for everyone in your community.

A Neighbourhood Watch program helps people feel more connected to each other in their community. Community participation and a shared responsibility for what is happening in your local neighbourhood can be vital to your safety.

By communicating with your neighbours you can share important information that will help make your community a safer place. You and your neighbours are in the best position to notice when something unusual is happening in your area and to report any suspicious activity to police.

Should I become involved with Neighbourhood Watch?

YES! We encourage you to take just a small amount of your valuable time to talk to your neighbours.

If you are looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your community, then joining or starting a Neighbourhood Watch program is an ideal way to achieve this. Join the vibrant body of active Neighbourhood Watch volunteers today!



Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility

As part of a Neighbourhood Watch program, what do I have to do?

You will represent Neighbourhood Watch by encouraging effective community relations and promoting crime prevention initiatives in your local area.

You can do this by:

- Getting to know your neighbours
- Communicating with your neighbours regularly
- Evaluating the safety and security of your home
- Taking steps to improve areas of your home security where required
- Keeping informed about local crime prevention information and sharing this information with your neighbours
- Marking all items of value for police identification

It takes many different people, working together as a team, to successfully build a Neighbourhood Watch program and promote its objectives.

You can be a part of the Neighbourhood Watch program in five easy steps

Step 1 – Identify YOUR community area. It may be a cluster of homes around you, your street or a larger block area.

Step 2 – Find some neighbours who are wanting to live in a safer community and become part of a Neighbourhood Watch program.

Step 3 – Register your communities interest with your Neighbourhood Watch State/Territory office. They can also put you in touch with other Neighbourhood Watch volunteers. Your local police station can assist in establishing your community program and provide you with the information you need to get started and about keeping yourself and your community safe.

Step 4 – Invite all your neighbours to a gathering. You can meet in your home, garden, local park or online. Introduce yourselves and talk about your community and the safety issues that concern you in your neighbourhood. Encourage discussion about how these issues may be solved.

Step 5 – Agree on a community spokesperson. Establish how your neighbours would like to receive information and news about your Neighbourhood Watch program or receive alerts about crime and other related issues.

Start now by getting in contact.

To receive up to date crime prevention information register with Neighbourhood Watch Australasia at www.nhwa.com.au – **JOIN NOW!**

Keep informed on local crime prevention initiatives, strategies and trends so that you can best protect your personal safety and home security. Share information with your neighbours so that they may be better positioned to reduce preventable crime.

