



You can make a difference.  
Join Neighbourhood Watch today!

## What will a Neighbourhood Watch program do for me?

A Neighbourhood Watch program gives you 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
- Encourage property marking
- Help reduce the fear of crime particularly for the elderly in your local community



**Neighbourhood Watch**

Neighbourhood Watch is a joint police and community program. Its success depends on **YOU**

### Important Contacts

**In an emergency call: 000**

**For police assistance call: 131 444**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AUSTRALASIA**

To contact your State or Territory Neighbourhood Watch office go to the Neighbourhood Watch Australasia website:

[www.nhwa.com.au](http://www.nhwa.com.au)

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## 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 in your community is an ideal way to achieve this. Join the vibrant body of active Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.



## Crime prevention is everybody'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 being able to:

- Communicate with your neighbours regularly
- Evaluate the safety and security of your home
- Take steps to improve areas of your home security where required
- Keep informed on local and contemporary crime prevention information and share this information with your neighbours
- Mark 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.

## Five easy steps

You can be a part of the Neighbourhood Watch 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 other neighbours who would support wanting to live in a safer community and become part of a Neighbourhood Watch program with you. Often people are willing; it just needs a neighbour to take the first initiative by asking them if they would like to be involved.

**Step 3** – Register your community interest with your Neighbourhood Watch State/Territory office. It can put you in touch with other local Neighbourhood Watch volunteers and your local Police. State/Territory office can assist you in establishing your community program and provide you with all 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 or local park. 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. To have a voice, someone needs to speak and take the lead. 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.

**Register your community group by contacting your Neighbourhood Watch State/Territory office.**

Receive up to date crime prevention information to share with your community by registering with Neighbourhood Watch Australasia at [www.nhwa.com.au](http://www.nhwa.com.au) – **JOIN NOW!**

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

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or email [admin@nhwa.com.au](mailto:admin@nhwa.com.au)  
or contact your local police station.

