

# CRIME PREVENTION

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of  
**Residential Burglary** and **Auto Burglary**,  
follow the crime prevention tips below:

## Residential Burglary Prevention Tips:

- ✓ Install good quality deadbolt locks on all doors leading to the outside and keep them locked at all times.
- ✓ Ensure lighting is in place outside every door to illuminate them during all hours of darkness.
- ✓ Maintain landscaping shrubs at a height no higher than 36 inches from the ground and tree canopies no lower than 7 feet from the ground.
- ✓ Use defensive landscaping (thorny plants or plants with needles) as barriers to vulnerable access points (i.e. windows and fence lines).
- ✓ Install an alarm system and use it faithfully.

## Auto Burglary Prevention Tips:

- ✓ Ensure vehicle is locked at all times (even when in the garage).
- ✓ Ensure windows completely rolled up.
- ✓ Ensure sunroof is completely closed.
- ✓ Remove EVERYTHING from vehicle when you leave:
  - Keys
  - Laptops
  - Clothes & Shoes
  - Wallets
  - Cell Phones
  - Stereo Faceplates
  - Purses
  - Cash
  - Documents with Personal Information
  - Bags
  - CD's
  - Garage door opener
  - Jewelry
  - Mail
- ✓ Park in well-lit areas.
- ✓ Install an alarm system and use it faithfully.
- ✓ Start a Neighborhood Watch group.
- ✓ Report ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!

**Call 9-1-1 to report an emergency or crime in progress.**

**Call (925) 673-7350 or (925) 603-5993 after hours to report a non-emergency situation  
or  
a crime that is *not* in progress.**



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

## A Community Action and Problem Solving Program

### What is Neighborhood Watch?

The Neighborhood Watch Community Action and Problem-Solving Program is one of the most effective means available for resolving issues within your community. Through organized problem-solving activities and information on a wide variety of crime prevention and “quality of life” topics, your block can reduce crime in your neighborhood and address any community issue that concerns residents.

The Neighborhood Watch program relies on the best tool ever invented - a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere.

<b>Neighborhood Watch <i>Is</i>:</b>	<b>Neighborhood Watch <i>Is Not</i>:</b>
Focusing on Community Issues	Guard Duty
Forming Community Action Groups	Putting yourself into dangerous situations
Getting to Resolutions	Vigilantism
Learning how to be less of a target	Feeling intimidated by the criminal element
Knowing how to respond to suspicious activity	Hard to initiate or maintain

Communication is the key to the Neighborhood Watch Program! In today’s fast-paced society, neighbors seldom speak, let alone get to know each other. This is a terrible loss. We tend to only look after our own and those we care about. The Neighborhood Watch Program encourages neighborhood unity through periodic meetings and community events. Through Neighborhood Watch you will become acquainted with your neighbors. Who knows, you may even gain a friend or two!

An effective way to facilitate the communication between neighbors is a website called Nextdoor.com. It allows easy communication between everyone on the block—it’s private and it’s free!—and all members are **verified** residents of your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch is a *police & community partnership* and an educational process by which neighbors can learn to resolve neighborhood problems while reducing the risk of crime in the community.

### How do you start a Neighborhood Watch group?

It’s easy! Simply select the area to be covered by your Neighborhood Watch block. A block consists of anywhere between 10-50 homes that surround you. Personally contact and talk with as many block participants as possible. Share the above information about the Neighborhood Watch Program and ask neighbors to participate.

Next, contact the Clayton Police Department at the number listed below to schedule a presentation at your first meeting. When the date for the initial meeting and presentation has been set, simply notify your neighbors and that’s it!

#### For More Information Contact:

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