

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Citizen participation is a critical measure when assessing the state of a community. An easy way to participate in the health and well being of your neighborhood is to become an active participant in a Neighborhood Watch Program (NHW).

BUT WHAT CAN ONE PERSON DO?

One person *CAN* make a difference!

By learning about the fundamentals of NHW, being mindful of home and property security, personal safety and being a part of your communication network, your observations, experiences or insight can help law enforcement to better work with and provide service to you and your neighbors.

HOW CAN I START?

There are some very simple steps one can take to reduce the opportunity for property crime.

- Deadbolt locks on all exterior doors (including garages)
- Steel or solid core exterior doors (including garages)
- Keep ALL doors locked at all times
- Window locks on all ground floor windows
- Window locks on 2nd floor windows with balconies
- Do not rely on screens for security
- Keep vehicle doors locked at ALL times
- Keep garage door down and secured
- Exterior lighting to illuminate your home and property
- Trim landscaping to 3 feet in height around houses
- Have tree canopies no lower than 6 feet
- Do not advertise your assets
- Know what you own (serial numbers and photographs)
- Participate in the neighborhood communication network
- Participate in the "Nine House Model"