



What Is a Neighborhood Watch

The Louisville Metro Neighborhood Watch Program is an active partnership between the Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) and area residents to increase community awareness and crime prevention. The Neighborhood Watch Program is a vital network that provides each resident with the knowledge and resources to fight crime through:

- **Home Security** - Teaching residents how to make homes more secure.
- **Property Identification** - Educating individuals on how to properly identify personal property.
- **Public Safety** - Training residents on various safety techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized in public areas.
- **Neighborhood Awareness** - Promoting the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- **Know Your Neighbors** - Encouraging neighbors to get to know each other and their routines so that any unusual activity can be reported and investigated.
- **Partnership with Police** - Working with the area's division police to address neighborhood concerns and issues.

What Are the Responsibilities of Captains and Co-Captains

The position of Captain should be a shared responsibility between two people or co-captains. This is done so that if one individual needs general assistance and cannot be present, or is unable to continue fulfilling his/her responsibilities, the job will still be done.

- Ensure that any emergency-related incident that takes place is immediately reported first to 911, non-emergency incidents are reported to 574-7111 (Urban area) or 574-2111 (Suburban area), and then to the other members of the Neighborhood Watch.
- Greet new neighbors who move into your neighborhood, educate them about the Neighborhood Watch program, and invite them to join the Neighborhood Watch.
- Act as a liaison between members of the Neighborhood Watch and police division.

What Are the Responsibilities of Members

- Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings and participate in the phone tree program.
- Implement security measures suggested by law enforcement after a "Home Security Survey" has been completed for each member's home.
- Identify a friend or neighborhood watch member to pick up your mail and newspaper, and watch your home if gone for a period of time.
- Participate in Operation Identification. It is a program designed to mark all valuables.
- Learn neighbors' names and be able to recognize them and their vehicles without hesitation.
- Watch neighbors' homes and report any suspicious activities to the police and neighbors.
- Write down a description of any suspicious looking people or vehicles and report them to the police.
- *Do not take any risks to prevent a crime or try to make an arrest. It is important to be a good witness.*

The Phone Tree

The *Phone Tree* provides a way to quickly communicate with every participant in the Neighborhood Watch. Each home can be contacted about suspicious activity that is occurring, or general information that needs to be communicated to the entire Neighborhood Watch.

What Is the Role of the Police in Your Neighborhood Watch

The role of the police is to protect and serve. The Resource Officer will determine the best approach to take with any given situation. The Resource Officer is available to:

- Address and provide information on crime concerns you may have about your area.
- Provide tips and advice that will help you not become a victim.
- Assist you in completing a "Home Security Survey".
- Attend meetings, if appropriate, with advance notice.

What Kinds of Activities to Look For

- Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas or in the neighborhood may be dangerous.
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Open or broken windows at a closed business or residence whose owners are absent may mean a burglary in progress or already completed.
- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights. Occupants may be "casing" for places to rob or burglarize, or could be drug pushers or sex offenders.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle or a stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more persons is especially significant if observed at an unusual hour. They could be lookouts for a crime in progress.
- Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.

Reminders for You and Your Neighbors

- Keep lawn equipment and other valuables in a secure area. Mark valuables so that if something is stolen it can be identified when found. A lot of items are recovered at pawn shops.
- Inspect doors, garages and windows to make sure they are secured properly and with good locks. Garages doors should be closed and secured overnight.
- Remove valuables from vehicles overnight even when they are parked in the driveway.
- Are homes in need of additional exterior lighting? Check all lights to make sure they work. All globes should be clean and unbroken. Driveways, front yards, garage doors and residence numbers should be lit. Motion sensor lights can be used in the front and back of the home. Street lights should be spaced properly and not have anything blocking them. Timers may be used with interior lamps.
- Leave a radio or television plugged into a timer when away from the house to confuse a possible intruder with the noise.

Who Do You Call When Something Happens

Emergency	9-1-1
Dispatch	574-7111 (Urban) or 574-2111 (Suburban) - Suspicious activity and other concerns
LMPD Crime Tip Line	574-LMPD / 574-5673 - 24 hr crime tip number to report info..about crime or criminal.
To make a report by phone	574-4661
Division Resource Officer's	
First Division 574-7167	Fifth Division 574-7636
Second Division 574-2478	Sixth Division 574-2178 (this is the Indian Falls division)
Third Division 574-2135	Seventh Division 574-2133
Fourth Division 574-7010	Eighth Division 574-2258
Metro Call	311 or 574-5000
Neighborhood Watch	367-6716