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### What To Do

Get to know your neighbors and become familiar with their routines. You're going to be partners in watching the activities on your block.

Be suspicious. Report unusual or suspicious behavior to the police. Write down descriptions of the person(s) and license numbers of any vehicles involved.

Above all, be concerned. It's the most effective way to reduce or prevent crime and make your neighborhood safe.

Establish a meeting time and place convenient to all.

Exchange names, home and work telephone numbers among the participants. A hand-drawn street map might also be useful.

Draw a diagram appropriate for your neighborhood. Each neighboring house depicted should contain the house number, occupant names, and home and work telephone numbers. The 9-1-1 emergency number should be placed prominently on the diagram.

Once your neighborhood watch network is established, everyone should observe these guidelines:

Keep a trusted neighbor informed if your house will be unoccupied for an extended period. It's important to leave him a way of reaching you if an emergency should arise.

Look after your neighbor's house when he is away, and ask him to look after yours. This includes collecting mail, newspapers and other deliveries which would indicate at a glance that no one is home.

Establish and attend regular neighborhood meetings with your local crime prevention officer. Find out about local crime trends and what you can do about them.

There is a great deal of important crime prevention information available. Become involved, and share information with your neighbors. You can be safe from crime-but only if you care enough to help one another.

### Fighting Neighborhood Crime

The most effective means of reducing crime in the neighborhood is an organization of neighbors helping one another.

It's a fact: Concerned neighbors reduce crime.

Putting into practice the time-honored 'good neighbor' policy is still the single most important factor in solving problems-including crime.

**You can take steps to make your neighborhood a safer place to live. It costs little more than your interest and**

cooperation. Is it worth the investment?

Definitely!

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