

Starting a Block Watch



seattle.gov/crime-prevention

Getting Started

How Does Block Watch Work?

Block Watch requires two basic commitments:

1. A commitment to be concerned about your neighbor's property and well-being as well as your own.
2. A commitment to report suspicious activity and take action by alerting your neighbors and calling 9-1-1.

How Do I Get Started?

- Think of a location for your first meeting. It could be your home, or a neighbors home, library or community center etc.
- Contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator in your area for dates and times for the coordinator to meet with you and your neighbors. seattle.gov/police/crime-prevention/crime-prevention-coordinators
- Invite your neighbors to come - it helps to invite them in person.
- The first meeting will discuss local crime trends, prevention measures and the proactive ways neighbors can work together.
- The designated Block Watch Captain will act as a primary contact for Seattle Police and communicate to the neighborhood.

Why Block Watch?

Neighbors working together are the first and best line of defense against crime.



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