

Doing Your Part

Report these incidents to the Sheriff's Department at 272-2400 and talk about the problem with your neighbors.

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars.
- Unusual noises.
- Property being taken out of closed businesses or houses where no one is at home.
- Cars, vans or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination, or without lights.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- Abandoned cars.

Reporting Crime

- Call the appropriate number, either 9-1-1 for emergencies or 272-2400 for non-emergencies.
- Give your name and address.
- Briefly describe the event - what happened, when, where and who was involved.
- Describe the suspect's sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, and distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved; color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers, dents or dings.



Important Phone Numbers



Keep these phone numbers near the phone.

<i>Emergency</i>	911
City Hall	267-5100
Code Enforcement	267-5234
Graffiti Removal	94-PRIDE
Neighborhood Watch	267-5170
Palmdale Sheriff's Station (non-emergency)	272-2400
Parking Enforcement	267-5436
Public Safety Office	267-5181
Streetlight Repair	800/655-4555



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Neighborhood Watch

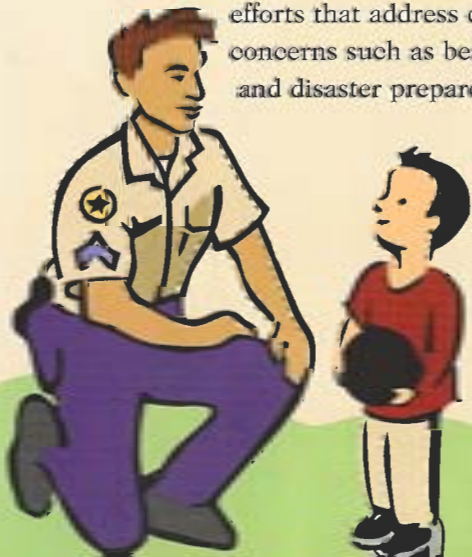


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The ABCs of Neighborhood Watch

- Any community resident can join – young or old, single or married, renter or homeowner.
- A few concerned residents or a community organization can spearhead the effort to organize a Neighborhood Watch.
- Participants learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the Sheriff's Department.
- You can form a Neighborhood Watch group around any geographical unit: a block, apartment complex or business area.
- Watch groups are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood Watch helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns such as beautification and disaster preparedness.



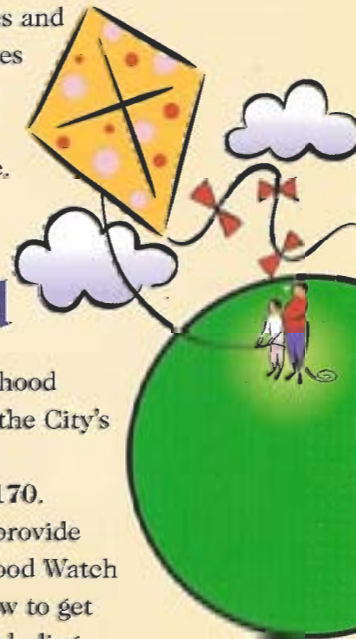
Join a Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between law enforcement and the community they serve.

Getting Organized

To form a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the City's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 267-5170. The Coordinator will provide you with a Neighborhood Watch guide that explains how to get your group started, including:

- Selection of a Block Captain and Co-Captain
- Establishing a phone tree for effective neighborhood communication
- Recruiting members and making special effort to include the elderly, working parents and young people
- Identifying areas of concern that are specific to your neighborhood.



Staying Active

It's an unfortunate fact that when a neighborhood crime crisis goes away, so does the enthusiasm for Neighborhood Watch. The key to keeping a Neighborhood Watch group active is maintaining people's interest over a period of time.

Organize regular meetings that focus on other issues such as recreational activities for children and emergency preparedness.

- Consider a neighborhood beautification project or participate in the Adopt-A-Wall graffiti removal program.
- Work within the Neighborhood Watch group to start a block parent program to help children in emergency situations.
- Do not forget social events that give neighbors a chance to know each other – host a block party, a potluck, picnic or a softball game.