

# WHY JOIN OR FORM A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



*When neighbors organize, the opportunity for crime is significantly reduced.*



## Seven Steps to Starting a Neighborhood Watch

- Step One:** Obtain Neighbors' Buy-In
- Step Two:** Notify the City
- Step Three:** Hold a Kick-off Meeting
- Step Four:** Establish a Contact Network
- Step Five:** Designate a Block Captain or Co-Block Captains)
- Step Six:** Request Neighborhood Watch Signs
- Step Seven:** Maintain Interest and Involvement Over Time

## There are More Than 80 Neighborhood Watches in Diamond Bar.

Among the benefits that members of these watches enjoy are a better understanding of how to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhood and a stronger sense of community unity.

## Neighborhood Watches Help Reduce and Prevent the Incidence of Property Crime.

Neighbors communicating and looking out for one another coupled with individuals better securing homes and vehicles and reporting suspicious activity or behavior to the Sheriff's Department is a strong and proven deterrent to criminal activity.

## No Two Neighborhood Watches are Exactly Alike.

Watches are created by and for the neighbors, which means that while the foundational structure is the same for all, there are unique differences when it comes to how any one group meets and communicates. This tailored approach is what makes watches more likely to yield positive results.

Stop by any City facility to pick up your free copy of the **City's Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch Startup Guide** for more details and tips on how to start or reactivate a watch in your area.



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