



Grover Beach Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Tips

Elements Needed To Commit a Crime

- Desire - to commit the crime
- Ability - to commit the crime
- Opportunity - to commit the crime

Neighborhood Watch versus Opportunity

The Four "D'S" of eliminating criminal's opportunity

- Deter
- Deny
- Delay
- Detect

Deterring Criminal Opportunity

What ever makes you feel safer and criminal more at risk

- Knowing your neighbors
- Alarms
- Dogs
- Citizen Patrol
- Well Lit Neighborhood

Denying Criminal Activity

Making It Difficult or Impossible For Crime To Be Committed

- Lock Doors and Windows
- Close Garage Door
- Prevent Landscaping Concealment of Doors and Windows

Delaying the Criminal

Make the Criminal Think Twice About Your House!

- Do Not "Advertise" That You Are Away
- Use Timers for T.V., Lights, Etc.
- Do Not Completely Close Shades/Curtains
- Have Neighbor Park in Your Driveway
- Have a Neighbor Check on Your Residence

Detect and Report

Be Aware - of what is happening in your neighborhood.

- Report suspicious activity to the Police.

Objectives of Neighborhood Watch

Maintain Cooperative System of Neighbors

- Establishing a "Phone Tree"
- Watching Neighbor's Property
- Knowing Who Belongs In Your Neighborhood
- Reporting Suspicious Activity to the Police

Crimes

Who Commits Them?

- Professionals - less than 20%
- Young Adults and Juveniles - 80% average age between 12 and 22 years

Common Items Taken

- Weapons
- Money
- Jewelry
- Drugs/Medications
- Quick Sell Items
(TV's, VCR, Stereos)

How to Report

- What type of activity
- Description of suspicious person(s) race, sex, age, ht., wt., hair, eyes, clothing
- Description of vehicle used: C*Y*M*B*L - car, year, make, body style, license
- Direction of travel

Securing Your Home

- Entrance Doors - solid core or metal
- Quality Locking Devices
- Deadbolt locks, re-enforce the strike plates
- Know who has the key to your house
- New resident? Change the locks!
- Secure Sliding Glass Doors
 - Pin locks under tension, round screws in track, dowel rods, auxiliary locks

- Lighting
 - 40 watt bulb at front and rear entrance
 - Approx. \$18.00 a year to run from dusk till dawn
- Security Lights
 - Motion or solar sensor
- Light all entry ways and windows
- Light dark corners and hiding places
- Mark Your Property
 - Electric engraver - Driver's License No. and State Abbreviation
 - Record make, model and serial no. of valuables
 - Photograph or video tape property

Other Considerations:

- Large visible house numbers
- Curbside address numbers

Forming Your Own Neighborhood Watch Group

- Elect a Block Captain and Assistant Block Captains
- Get Street Signs and Window Decals
- Review Manual
- Maintain an Active Neighborhood Watch Group!
- Periodic meetings, BBQs, Block Parties, or Host Other Crime Prevention Programs
- Contact the Grover Beach Police Department for more information on how to form a Neighborhood Watch Program in your area.

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