

HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP IN 5 EASY STEPS

1. *RECRUIT & ORGANIZE AS MANY NEIGHBORS AS POSSIBLE*

It is wonderful that you are taking the steps to start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood. The first step is talking to your fellow neighbors about starting a group.

2. *CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY & SCHEDULE A MEETING*

The next step is contacting your local law enforcement agency. Invite them to meet with your group at a time and place convenient for your Watch Group. It is essential for your group to work in collaboration with law enforcement because Neighborhood Watch is a cooperative effort.

3. *DISCUSS COMMUNITY CONCERNS & DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN*

If law enforcement is unavailable to come to the first meeting you might want to have a meeting to discuss the concerns and issues in the neighborhood. Your group should create a plan on how to work towards lessening the impact of the top 3 concerns of neighbors.

4. *CREATE A COMMUNICATION PLAN*

It is important to decide what type of communication will work for your watch group-meetings or social media or both.

5. *TAKE ACTION: HOLD MEETINGS & EVENTS*

Neighborhood Watch Toolkit has a number of wonderful training topics and meeting ideas that can be useful to your group.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP?

- Partnerships with Law Enforcement & your Neighbors
- Reduction in Crime
- A More Secure & Better Prepared Hometown
- A More United Community
- Improved Communications

