



Block Watch Group Responsibilities

Since awareness and involvement are the keys to a successful program, keeping interest high and continuing the group's crime prevention education must be a primary focus of all participants. Specific duties include:

Role of Block Watch Captain/Co-Captain

The Block Captain holds one of the most important functions in the Block Watch Program. They are responsible for coordinating and completing or delegating the following tasks:

- Organize, advertise and conduct at least one neighbourhood meeting a year for Crime Prevention Group members. This meeting is to review communication, neighbourhood issues, disaster preparedness and other items of discussion or concern
- Serve as a communication link between Group participants and the Block Watch Program Coordinator
- Receive and distribute emails, crime alerts, newsletters, to Block Watch Group members
- Ensure participant contact list and map are up to date and submitted to the Block Watch Coordinator
- Pass and maintain a Police Information Check
- Attend a training session with your local Block Watch Coordinator
- Contact neighbours to introduce them to the program and enlisting them to join
- Encourage Block Watch participants to communicate with each other

Roles of Block Watch Participants

- Get to know your neighbour! It is easier to spot those who do not belong on the block
- Be aware of and practice the good crime prevention tips you will learn
- Volunteer to work with a committee for the annual Block Party
- Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious and criminal activity and report it to the police and then share it with your Captain or Co-Captain to be fanned out to the Group
- Pass out crime prevention notices when necessary
- Attend the Block Watch meetings
- Secure your home and personal property
- Stay up to date with emails and newsletters