

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

1. DOOR / WINDOW STOPS AND SECURITY SYSTEMS LIKE A D T ARE HELPFUL . GARAGE DOORS CAN EASILY BE MANIPULATED TO OPEN FROM THE OUTSIDE (no remotes / electronics needed).
2. TIMERS ON INTERIOR LIGHTS AND MOTION DETECTOR LIGHTING OUTDOORS. WHEN YOU LEAVE, LEAVE A RADIO PLAYING.
3. TELL NEIGHBORS YOU ARE LEAVING, THE DATES AND LET THEM KNOW HOW THEY CAN REACH YOU IN AN EMERGENCY . CHECK ALL DOORS' AND WINDOWS' LOCKS BEFORE YOU LEAVE . WITH SO MANY LAST-MINUTE THINGS TO DO BEFORE WALKING OUT THE DOOR, SOMETIMES WE ARE IN SUCH A HURRY WE FORGET TO CHECK THEM BEFORE WE EXIT OUT THE GARAGE .
4. DO NOT STOP YOUR MAIL, HAVE A NEIGHBOR PICK IT UP .
5. DO NOT STOP TRASH PICK UPS .
6. DO NOT TELL SERVICE COMPANIES YOU WILL BE GONE .
7. DO NOT LET SERVICE PERSONNEL IN ANY ROOMS OF YOUR HOUSE OTHER THAN WHERE THEY ARE WORKING .
8. DO NOT CHANGE PHONE ANSWERING MACHINE MESSAGES .
9. HAVE A NEIGHBOR WALK YOUR PROPERTY SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK IF YOU WILL BE GONE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME TO CHECK FOR OPEN DOORS OR BROKEN WINDOWS .
10. IF YOUR NEIGHBOR(S) ARE GONE, DO NOT TELL INQUIRING STRANGERS OR SERVICE COMPANY PERSONNEL THEY ARE GONE OR WHEN THEY WILL RETURN .
11. IF YOU LEAVE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME AND LEAVE A VEHICLE PARKED IN YOUR DRIVEWAY, REMOVE THE GARAGE DOOR REMOTE AND SECURE IT INSIDE YOUR HOUSE. EVEN WHEN HOME KEEP YOUR REMOTE IN YOUR VEHICLE OUT OF SIGHT. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE DURING THE DAY AND ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.

12. IF YOU SEE ANYTHING OR ANYONE THAT JUST DOES NOT LOOK RIGHT, CALL 9 1 1 OR BLOCK CAPTAIN (situation ???) .
13. TAKE NOTICE OF SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES THAT MAY DRIVE BY SEVERAL TIMES A DAY OR WEEK (if possible get a tag number).
14. REPORT SOLICITOR VISITS OR SIGHTINGS TO THE PIONEER CENTER (provide details).
15. DO NOT ASSUME OTHER NEIGHBORS WILL SEE, HEAR OR REPORT WHAT YOU SAW OR HEARD. TAKE ACTION AND PICK UP THE PHONE; YOU MAY BE THE ONLY WITNESS TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY .
16. IF YOU SEE WATER RUNNING OFF ANYONE'S PROPERTY IT MAY A WATER LINE BREAK OR A MALFUNCTIONING SPRINKLER SYSTEM HEAD. CALL, AT LEAST, YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN .
17. BRANDING IRON RESIDENTS, BE CAREFUL TO WHOM YOU GIVE YOUR GATE CODE .*
18. ANY AND ALL EMERGENCY OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY YOU SEE, CALL 9 1 1; DO NOT HESITATE !
19. ON TOO MANY OCCASIONS PEOPLE JUST DO NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED UNTIL IT HAPPENS TO THEM, THEN THEY ARE THE FIRST ONES WHO WANT TO KNOW WHY THEIR NEIGHBORS DID NOT REPORT THE INCIDENT OR TAKE ACTION.
20. TAKE TIME TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS .
21. NEVER THINK CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WILL NEVER COME TO YOUR DOOR. HOPEFULLY, IT NEVER WILL; BUT YOU CAN NEVER, NEVER BECOME INATTENTIVE, UNCONCERNED, UNCARING, INCONSIDERATE OR APATHETIC ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS OR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
22. YOU SHOULD NEVER, FACE - TO - FACE, CONFRONT ANYONE WHO IS IN THE PROCESS OF COMMITTING A CRIMINAL ACT AT A NEIGHBOR'S RESIDENCE OR ANYWHERE . IMMEDIATELY CALL 9 1 1 . IN YOUR OWN HOME, TAKE WHATEVER ACTION YOU FEEL IS NECESSARY; TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE THREATS SURROUNDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES .