



# The Marysville Police Department NEIGHBORHOOD *watch*

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP PREVENT  
AND REDUCE CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITY.

## *What is it?*

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Neighborhood Watch was created to encourage citizen involvement in fighting crime. It is the most effective means of keeping crime out of our neighborhoods. The concept is simple:

- Lock your doors and windows
- Recognize suspicious/criminal activity
- Report anything that appears to be suspicious

When citizens band together as a Neighborhood Watch group and combine their efforts with law enforcement, we have created a crime prevention team. The active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement involves:

- Neighbors getting to know each other and working together
- Citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities
- Implementation of crime prevention techniques such as home security and Operation Identification.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood, contact us at (530) 749-3900.

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## Why should I be in a Neighborhood Watch group?

Marysville Neighborhood Watch is for every adult in every community within Marysville. Typically a group is all of the homes in your neighborhood which are within visual range of each other. You are the eyes and ears of our Police Department in your neighborhood. Your communication with our Police Department and with your neighbors, you create a powerful deterrent to those who would harm you or your property.

## **As a Marysville Neighborhood Watch participant, you assume certain responsibilities**

- Get to know your neighbors, their vehicles and their children
- Be a good neighbor, maintain your property and your home
- Cooperate and communicate with your neighbors and keep an eye on their property when they're gone
- Be alert to comings and goings in your neighborhood
- Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings, secure your home and property as detailed in the handouts and presentations that you will be given
- Participate in a Home Security Check. One of our Police Volunteers can visit your home to complete a check with you and provide you with tips and even install door and window locks at no charge to you
- Mark all of your valuables and record photos of them
- Be willing to notify the Marysville Police Department when suspicious activity occurs, giving detailed, accurate information
- Notify your alarm company, if you have one, and keep contact names and numbers current. Keep your alarm permit up to date and your system functioning properly

## **How do I start a Neighborhood Watch group?**

1. Contact your Marysville Crime Prevention Coordinator at (530) 749-3900.
2. Take the flyers and brochures she provides to your neighbors and ask them if they are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood. Ask them to read the material and give you a call with their response. Once you have enough interested people who want a Neighborhood Watch program, find out when the majority of your neighbors can attend a meeting. Contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at the Police Department to be sure that she is available. She can also provide you with flyers to announce your meeting.
3. Distribute flyers to your neighbors announcing the upcoming organizational meeting. Be sure to include the date, time, contact phone number and location.

## Block Captain duties typically include

- Be the spokesperson for the group
- Serve as liaison between the Marysville Police Department and your Neighborhood Watch group
- Organize and arrange your own Neighborhood Watch meetings (neighbors should share the responsibility of hosting these meetings)
- Maintain a master list of all members and important information – be sure to share this list with the Marysville Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator;
- Delegate work assignments such as:
  - New recruitments
  - Vacation Home Watch
  - Block parents
  - Neighborhood Patrol
  - Fundraising activities (if you choose to do them)
  - Secretarial duties
  - Developing & maintaining block maps
  - Distribution of materials

Once you have a Neighborhood Watch group established, the City will install Neighborhood Watch signs in your neighborhood.

## WatchMail uses E-mail to share information quickly

WatchMail is an optional aspect of the Marysville Neighborhood Watch program, where participants use e-mail to quickly and easily share information about suspicious activity, possible crimes or threats to the neighborhood.

Neighborhood block captains appoint a host to establish an e-mail list for the group. The block captain promotes the WatchMail program at block meetings and encourages members to report anything suspicious through e-mail messages.

Suspicious activity and actual crimes are shared with WatchMail member AFTER they have been reported to the Marysville Police Department. All incidents are always reported to the authorities first. If incidents are life-threatening and/or if a suspect is present and is actively