

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime creates and feeds upon.
- It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the community.
- Any community resident can join: young and old, single and married, renter and home owner.
- Members learn how to make their homes safer, watch out for one another, and report suspicious activities to the police.
- You can form a Watch group around any geographical unit: a block, apartment, park business area, public housing complex, office, etc.

## GETTING ORGANIZED

Forming a Neighborhood Watch is a challenge. Here are a few tips:

- Contact a crime prevention organization:

Senior Lead Officer (see inside)

LA Bridges (323) 441-0187.

City Councilmember 3-1-1

A crime prevention organization will help in training members in home security and reporting skills and for information on local crime patterns.

- Select a coordinator and block captains who are responsible for organizing meetings.
- Captains will recruit members and make special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and youth.

## STAY ACTIVE

- Organize community patrols to walk the neighborhood and alert police to crime and suspicious activities.
- Identify problems needing attention.
- Adopt a park or school playground. Pick up litter and paint over graffiti. Organize social events for neighbors to get to know each other.

## Neighborhood Improvement Guide #2: Public Safety

## How to start your own neighborhood watch

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