

# Mission Viejo Neighborhood Watch



**Do you know your neighbors?  
Do you know who belongs in  
your neighborhood and who  
doesn't? Do you know when  
to call for assistance from law  
enforcement?**

If you answered **no** to any of these questions, **now** is the time to start a Neighborhood Watch Program.

**Neighborhood Watch** is a two meeting program intended to bring you and your neighbors together to decrease or eliminate crime in your neighborhoods. The training which is provided at no cost, will help you and your neighbors to identify situations in your neighborhood that should be reported. Neighborhood Watch signs placed in your neighborhood after completion of the second class will alert those coming into your neighborhood that you have an organized group of residents who are keeping any eye out for **any** suspicious activity.

**A program designed to  
teach you and your neighbors  
effective crime prevention  
techniques for your home  
and neighborhood**



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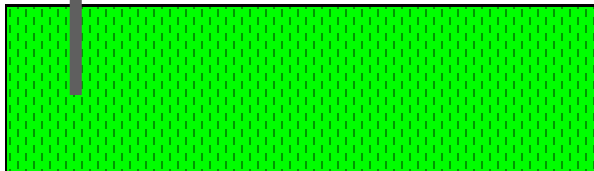
## What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch involves residents working together with one another and local law enforcement to decrease and prevent residential crime.

Neighborhood Watch is coordinated by the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Mission Viejo Police Services. It is a problem-solving program designed to address problems that concern you in your neighborhood. Sheriff's Department personnel will lead a two meeting program where residents will be taught skills to assist them in identifying suspicious activity and how to report it.



Signs in your neighborhood tell others that you are aware



## What are the Benefits?

A decrease in neighborhood crime through:

- Learning effective crime prevention techniques for your home and neighborhood.
- Getting to know your neighbors and building community spirit.
- Recognizing suspicious activity and reporting it. **Know your neighbors**
- Meeting with local law-enforcement personnel and developing partnerships that support two way informational exchanges.
- Receiving Crime Alert Bulletins and special program notifications, including announcements on upcoming emergency preparedness classes.



Effective partnerships with neighbors and local law enforcement

## How to Get Started

- Contact the Crime Prevention Office at Mission Viejo Police Services to request information on Neighborhood Watch.
- Talk with your neighbors and coordinate a date for the first meeting. A Neighborhood Watch group should consist of a "Watch Block" of 12 to 20 homes. The success of Neighborhood Watch depends on resident participation.
- Pick a location for the meetings, a private residence or neighborhood clubhouse are recommended.
- Once a date and place have been established, the Crime Prevention Office will print meeting flyers for distribution in your neighborhood.



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