

Reminders for You and Your Neighbors

- 1) Keep lawn equipment and other valuables in a secure area. Mark valuables so that if something is stolen, it can be identified when found. Many stolen items are recovered at pawn shops.
- 2) Inspect doors, garages, and windows to make sure they are secured properly with proper locks. Garage doors should be closed when not in use and secured overnight.
- 3) Remove valuables from vehicles overnight, even when they are parked in the driveway.
- 4) Are homes in need of additional exterior lighting? Check all lights to make sure they work. All globes should be clean and unbroken. Driveways, front yards, garage doors, and residence numbers should be well-lit. Motion sensor lights can be used in the front and back of the home. Streetlights should be spaced properly and not have anything blocking them. Timers may be used with interior lamps.
- 5) Leave a radio or television plugged into a timer when away from the house to deter possible intruders with the noise.

Question: *Who do I call when something happens?*

Emergency: **911**

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department, or emergency medical personnel.

MetroSafe Dispatch: **574-7111**

Report by Phone: **574-4661**

Metro Call: **311 or 574-5000**

Anonymous Crime Tip Line: **574-LMPD (5673)**



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Neighborhood Watch Program

Question: *What is Neighborhood Watch and who is involved in it?*

- 1) Neighborhood Watch is a citizen-initiated **crime prevention program**.
- 2) It is an active partnership between the Louisville Metro Police Department and citizens to reduce the incidence of fear and crime in their neighborhoods.

Question: *What is the value in having a Neighborhood Watch where I live?*

- 1) Neighborhood Watch is a national program and is the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented: a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. They live in houses, apartment buildings, urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- 2) The greatest thing about Neighborhood Watch is that it encourages neighbors to get to know each other and it makes them aware of their surroundings. When unusual activity is detected, neighbors will report it to the police so it can be investigated.

3) A Resource Officer will educate neighbors in crime reporting and suspect identification techniques; making homes more secure; properly identifying personal property; and reducing the risk of being victimized in public areas. These crime prevention strategies can be used as tools to reduce crime in their communities.

4) Neighborhood Watch members post signs on streets warning criminals they are in an active Neighborhood Watch community where neighbors are watching out for each other.

Question: *When is the best time to start a Neighborhood Watch?*

1) Ideally, the best time to start a Neighborhood Watch is before an incident occurs. Normally, however, Neighborhood Watch clubs are started after an incident. The community has the primary responsibility for fighting crime. The most effective approach is preventing crime before it occurs.

2) With Neighborhood Watch, people are empowered to work together with the police and the community can set the behavioral standards and level of tolerance in their neighborhoods.

Question: *What does it take to get a Neighborhood Watch started in my neighborhood?*

1) The Louisville Metro Police Department will assist in starting a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood.

2) **Contact NeighborhoodWatch@louisvilleky.gov to get started!** The Neighborhood Watch coordinator will be happy to talk to you about starting a Neighborhood Watch and send you program material to review.

3) Once you review the material, talk to your neighbors. Are your neighbors interested? Are they aware of or concerned about specific crime problems in your area?

4) Coordinate the formation of your Neighborhood Watch with your Division Resource Officer (DRO) and invite your neighbors to an introductory first

meeting. Meetings can be held in-person or via web-based video conferencing programs.

5) If a location is needed, you and your neighbors can possibly arrange to meet at the LMPD substation community room, in your neighbor's home or yard, local church, or school. A Division Resource Officer (DRO) will attend your first meeting to assist with the initial organization of the Neighborhood Watch. They will address and provide information on crime concerns specific to your neighborhood or community and instruct members on home security and crime reporting skills.

6) The Neighborhood Watch belongs to you, so you must elect your own leadership. Choose a Captain and Co-Captain at your first or second organizational meeting. Then, set regularly scheduled meetings for your Watch club throughout the year. We recommend meeting quarterly, every six months, or once a year. Review the program material with new members as you recruit them.

7) At meetings, you will: establish a relationship with your Division Resource Officer (DRO); learn about the latest crimes in your area; choose Captains and Co-Captains; learn how to be safer in your home and surroundings; talk to and get to know your neighbors better; become updated on who has moved in and out of your neighborhood; and determine the best way to contact each other. Captains and Co-Captains should develop an email list and/or group message with everyone to stay in contact with each other about meetings and when something happens.

8) If requested, your Division Resource Officer (DRO) can attend future meetings to answer questions about crime, address neighborhood concerns, quality of life issues, and provide information about police procedures.

Question: *What is the 574-LMPD (5673) crime tip hotline?*

With the 574-LMPD crime tip hotline, every citizen is given the opportunity to make their community a safer place to live. Citizens are encouraged to call

the crime tip hotline to provide information about a crime or criminal activity. Operators are available to receive calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The caller may remain anonymous.

Question: *What can I do to keep crime away?*

Be more vigilant! Secure your family and your property. If you see a stranger acting suspiciously near your home, call the police. Get a description of the person so that when you call the police, they can better identify them. Do not take the law into your own hands or physically confront a suspicious person. Your safety is more important. Report all criminal activity to the police and let them handle the situation.

Question: *What kinds of activities should I look for?*

1) Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas, or in the neighborhood may be dangerous.

2) Someone peeking in windows of houses and parked cars.

3) Open or broken windows at a closed business or residence whose owners are absent. This may mean a burglary is in progress or was already completed.

4) Someone screaming or shouting for help.

5) Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.

6) Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights. Occupants may be "casing" for places to rob/burglarize or be drug pushers or sex offenders.

7) Anyone being forced into a vehicle or a stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.

8) Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more persons may be especially significant if observed at an unusual hour. They could be lookouts for a crime in progress.

9) Discuss your area's concerns and problems with your neighbors.