



BURGLARY ALERT

There was a Burglary on your block recently.

Time to organize and/or improve your Block Watch to prevent crime.

"Burglary Alert" is a way to inform you of a recent burglary on your block. Often a second burglary takes place within a few days or weeks of the previous burglary. It is hoped that YOU will take preventive steps to reduce YOUR vulnerability of being the burglar's next easy target. For information on how to prevent burglaries call Benjamin Kinlow at 684-7724.

Getting to know your neighbors make your Block Watch stronger

Take **walks on your block everyday** when possible. Stop and briefly exchange information with your neighbors regarding recent crimes and enlist their help in the Block Watch to prevent crime. Welcome new neighbors to the neighborhood and invite them to join your Block Watch. Organize and participate in **Night Out** the **first Tuesday in August** each year. For information on this program call 684-7724. These are fun and easy steps to help keep your block safe.

Make sure trusted neighbors are watching your home in your absence

Ask your neighbors to report all suspicious activity to 9-1-1, collect your newspapers and mail if you will be away for an extended period of time. Let neighbors know if you will be having a house sitter or workmen at your home. Keep them informed as to who should or should not be at your home when you are gone.

Make your home look and sound lived in at all times

Use timers/motion sensors to turn on lights both inside and outside your home. Make sure your house number is well lit and can be seen clearly from the street. You should make sure valuables cannot be seen from the street. Use a timer to keep a radio or TV playing while you are away.

Make your home secure & as safe as possible

REMEMBER: A LOCK IS NOT A LOCK UNLESS YOU USE IT! Install one-inch dead bolt locks on all exterior doors and remember to lock up **EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME**, even if you will only be away for a short time. Lock windows, including those on the second floor. Always lock your car and garage door. Lock your doors and windows when working in your yard.

Make your valuables less desirable to burglars! Mark your property with your WA. State ID or Driver's License number, make an inventory list of valuables and post Operation ID stickers on doors and windows as a warning to burglars.

If a burglary occurs:

Do not enter your home if you think a burglar is inside. Go to a neighbor's house and call 9-1-1. Teach your children to do the same. If the burglary occurs while you are home, try to exit your home without confronting the burglar. Do not touch or clean up anything until after the police have come to your home. Call your Block Captain and neighbors to alert them and ask if they have any information that may be of help. Get an incident report number from the officer that comes to your home. If you have additional information or wish to follow-up on your case, you will need this number.

Update Block Watch Map

The map is designed to help establish lines of communication between you and your neighbors. When neighbors get to know each other, they will keep each other informed about crime.

Keep your map handy to report & share information!

1. If you see a crime occurring near your home or on a neighbors' property, then call 9-1-1, give them an exact address and description, then use your map to call and alert neighbors.
2. Provide as much information as possible to neighbors regarding any recent crimes or burglaries and enlist their help. They may also have information to report to 9-1-1.
3. Include **email** on your map to communicate with your neighbors

Family Disaster Kit

You and your neighbors prepare for disasters and develop plans with family, friends and neighbors for disaster. Complete everything in the Family Disaster Kit to reduce the harm & property lost.

Call me and I will help you and your neighbors get organized

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