



# Neighborhood Watch

## Take a Stand Against Crime

### What types of crimes do we have in The Woodlands?

The most common crimes in our community are “crimes of opportunity.” These include:

- Burglary of Motor Vehicle (items taken from inside your vehicle)
- Criminal Mischief (vandalism)
- Burglary of Habitation

### How can these crimes be prevented?

- Become educated! Participate in The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch.
  - In collaboration with local law enforcement and other public safety entities the neighborhood watch brings you a variety of ways to organize the neighborhood watch in your neighborhood.

### How can a watch program help reduce crime?

- A neighborhood watch is an effective way to reduce crimes of opportunity, because it is about neighbor knowing neighbor. Knowing our neighbors fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, providing extra eyes and ears for reporting crime.
- Through the neighborhood watch, residents learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises suspicions to law enforcement.

### What do I have to do as a Watch Member?

- Be alert! An alert neighbor knows who lives in the neighborhood and can recognize strangers.
- Observes any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- Calls in suspicious activity when it is happening.
- Knows which houses are unoccupied during the day and who is on vacation.
- Become educated! Work with The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch. In collaboration with local law enforcement they have a variety of informative crime prevention presentation.
- Calls 9-1-1 in an emergency!

### Call in “suspicious activity” when it is happening!

- Although some suspicious activity in your neighborhood could have an innocent explanation, law enforcement would rather investigate the situation than be called when it is too late to prevent the crime. Your call may save a life, prevent an injury or stop a criminal act.