Neighborhood Watch Crime Facts:

- Burglary and thefts from automobiles are among the most prevalent neighborhood crimes.

- Household burglary is one of the easiest crimes to commit **and** prevent.

- Most home burglars are young amateurs looking for easy targets.

- Statistics show that in over one-half of household burglaries, there was no forced entry involved.

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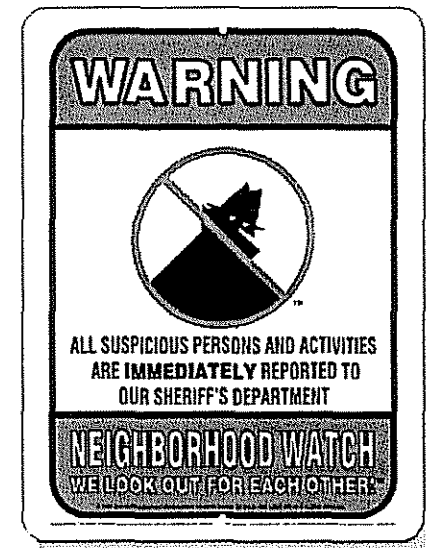
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If you would like more information on Neighborhood Watch or want to get involved please contact the Brookings County Sheriff's Office or visit our web site at:

http://sheriff.brookingscountysd.gov/

BROOKINGS COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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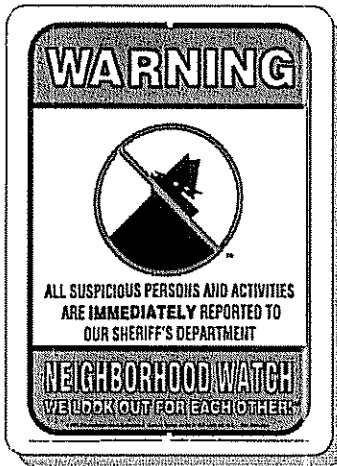
Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch groups are the foundation of community crime prevention and a stepping stone to creating and maintaining healthy communities. The Neighborhood Watch program was designed to further citizen involvement in discouraging and preventing residential crime.

Neighbors are encouraged to report suspicious activities to the Brookings County Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood Watch operates to educate participants in the principles of deterrence and detection.

The program depends on a communication network organized with three levels of participants: the members; watch leaders; and the Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood Watch is a proven crime-reduction program. Like any self-help program, however, its success depends upon you and your neighbor.

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Brookings County Neighborhood Watch Signs. Look for them located in your community.

What's Suspicious and Should Be Reported

- Someone running from a car or home.
- Someone screaming.
- Someone going from house to house looking into windows and parked cars.
- A person who seems to have no purpose wandering in the neighborhood.
- Any unusual or suspicious noise that you can't explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.
- Vehicles moving slowly, without lights, or with no apparent destination.
- Property being removed from closed businesses or residences known to be unoccupied.
- A stranger entering a neighbor's home or apartment that appears to be unoccupied.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to beckon a child.
- A child resisting the advances of an adult.
- A strange vehicle parked in a neighborhood.
- An abandoned vehicle.

How to Report

- Give your name and address.
- Describe the event in as brief a manner as possible. Where, When, How and When it occurred?
- State whether the crime is in progress or has already been completed.
- Describe the suspect—sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, accent, beard or mustache, and distinctive characteristics or clothing.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved—color, make, model, year, license plate, special markings, dents. Which way did it go?

What is Brookings County Neighborhood Watch?

Brookings County Neighborhood Watch is an effective crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of residents in a community, in partnership with the Brookings County Sheriff's Office, to reduce crime in their communities.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
PROGRAM IN FORCE
Our neighbors report all Suspicious Persons to our Law Enforcement Agency

It involves:

- Neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance.

You can obtain a FREE sticker for your home or office at either the Brookings Sheriff's Office or your City Office.

- Residents trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods.

- Implementation of crime prevention techniques such as personal security, vehicle security, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), and basic law enforcement operation information.