

event your property is stolen. You simply engrave your Washington Driver's license number on your property using the following format.

W.A. (state driver's license #) D.L.

Once your items are marked, Operation I.D. stickers are available to place in your windows to advertise your participation in this program that deters crime. We encourage each Neighborhood Watch group to purchase an engraver, usually \$10 - \$20 at a local hardware store, and share it among the group members for marking of their valuables.

WHAT NEXT?

The captain should:

- Contact your crime prevention officer with help on ordering Neighborhood Watch signs.*
- Contact any neighbors who could not make the meeting and give them copies of the crime prevention material handed out at the meeting.*
- Promote Operation I.D. and the purchase of an engraver as well as distribute the Operation I.D. stickers.*
- Deliver the quarterly newsletter to each member*

of your Neighborhood Watch program.

- Coordinate, at least annually, a neighborhood gathering to promote communication and discuss neighborhood concerns.*
- Welcome future new neighbors, invite them to join your efforts, and supply them with crime prevention material.*

For more information on forming your Neighborhood Watch, log on to:

www.usaonwatch.org



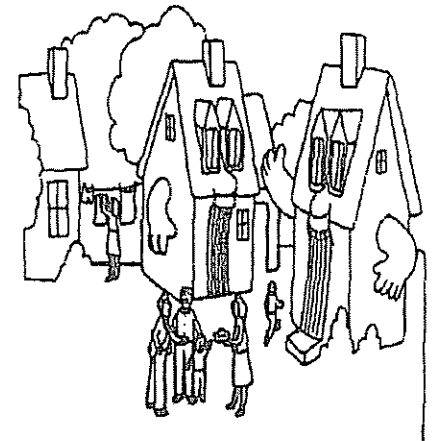
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CRIME PREVENTION IS A COMMUNITY CONCERN!



JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!

*A Community Service Effort Of Your
Spokane County Sheriff's Office*

Dear Neighborhood Watch Organizer:

Thank you for your interest in the Neighborhood Watch Program and your desire to make your neighborhood, community, and nation a safer place to live. The crime prevention steps you and your neighbors take as a group are just as important as the things you do individually. In fact, widespread participation will make your individual efforts more effective in deterring vandalism, burglary, theft, and robbery.

Neighborhood Watch is a national crime prevention effort sponsored by The National Sheriff's Association. Neighborhood Watch is:

- Neighbors watching out for neighbors!*
- An opportunity to educate your neighborhood in domestic preparedness, home security, and criminal activity awareness.*

FORMING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Begin by attending one of the Neighborhood Watch Organizer Training Sessions. Call the Crime Prevention Unit or your local

S.C.O.P.E. station for a schedule of available training. At the training session, you will learn basic crime prevention tools and how to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area. As a Neighborhood Watch Organizer, you will be required to complete a criminal history background check authorization form. This form will be available at the training session and helps the program ensure a level of safety and integrity. At the meeting, crime prevention materials will be made available for you to pass out to your neighbors.

A CAPTAIN'S DUTIES

Each Neighborhood Watch needs an organizer, or captain, to encourage participation in the program, organize meetings, relay information, and distribute the quarterly newsletter published by the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit.

Visit the neighbors in your block, apartment complex, rural area, etc. and invite them to join a Neighborhood Watch program for your neighborhood. Organize a neighborhood meeting and notify them of the meeting time and place. The purpose of your meeting is for you and your neighbors to get to know each other and receive the crime prevention materials you

received at the Organizer Training Session. If you like, your crime prevention officer can help coordinate an officer who works in your area to attend your meeting.

Consider the size of the area you are forming. Remember that communication is the key so keep your area either small or well organized with several neighborhood captains.

CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD MAP

Have your neighbors help create a neighborhood map that portrays who lives where in the neighborhood. The preferred map size is 8 1/2 x 11. The map should show the street address, name of occupants, and a home phone number. Other information might include work phone number and/or an emergency number, and an emergency contact number for seniors, especially those living alone, that live in your neighborhood. A copy of the map should be given to each member of the neighborhood for quick reference when needed.

Operation I.D.

Operation I.D. is a simple program that deters burglary and theft, as well as assists law enforcement in the