



# How to Prevent Crime in Your Neighborhood

Help prevent crime in your neighborhood and create a safe, welcoming community with these tips.

Notes:

## 1. Know your neighbors and your surroundings

Get to know your neighbors.

Gather [facts](#) about crime in your neighborhood.

Attend your local [National Night Out](#) event.

## 2. Recognize dangerous behavior

Anyone going door-to-door claiming to be from a company but doesn't have the correct credentials.

[Someone who doesn't live in your neighborhood](#) loitering, looking in windows, or entering homes or garages.

A vehicle slowly driving back and forth or circling the neighborhood multiple times.

## 3. Report suspicious activity to the police

Call 9-1-1 if it's a life-threatening situation.

Describe what happened, who was involved, and what kind of help you need.

Take note of important details: date, time, location.

Share identifying information of any suspects: age, gender, clothing.

Describe vehicles, license plates, and direction of travel.

## 4. Don't be a target

Use [strong locks](#) to protect your property.

Keep blinds closed and curtains drawn.

Don't post about leaving on vacation on social media.

Keep valuables and potentially dangerous items locked up in a safe place.

Get a reliable [home security system](#) as well as timers and motion sensor lights.

## 5. Get involved

Register for the [Dog Walker Watch Program](#).

Be active in your Neighborhood Watch Program, or [start one](#) if there isn't one.

Stay informed with smartphone apps like [McGruffMobile](#) and [Nextdoor](#).

Volunteer with a local community organization.

Adopt a school, and work with school staff to establish drug-free and gun-free zones.