

Form a Block Watch in your neighborhood!

The South Milwaukee Police Department would like to invite you and your neighbors to form a Block Watch.



WHO CAN BE INVOLVED?

Any community resident can join—young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner. Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch—they too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.

I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING. CAN I START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Yes. Watch Groups can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, business area, public housing complex, office building, or marina.

HOW DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH START?

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents, a community organization, or a law enforcement agency can spearhead the efforts to establish a Watch.

WHY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

It works. Throughout the country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Watch programs.



WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- _ Be alert!
- _ Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- _ Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police or sheriffs' department.
- _ Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DO?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office.

If you would like to more information about organizing a Block Watch in your neighborhood contact Officer Michael Hill at 414-768-8060 or by e-mail at mhill@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us . You can also go to www.ncpc.org for more information about crime prevention.

The citizen members of a Block Watch are the most important part. Without your involvement and dedication it cannot succeed. The South Milwaukee Police Department looks forward to working with you to provide a safer, more enjoyable neighborhood.