

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

For the City of Cupertino

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

- A community working together & looking out for each other.
 - A community that is a supplement to police presence.
 - A community that is aware, observes, and reports suspicious activity.
- It requires NO physical involvement by you. You are not expected to chase after, tackle, or restrain criminals. You are not expected to “patrol” your neighborhood. You observe and report only as you go through your normal day-to-day activities.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GOALS

- Reduce crime in a neighborhood by minimizing the opportunity for the crime to occur.
- Bring citizens and law enforcement into a cooperative partnership.
- Promote a spirit of community within a neighborhood.
- Raise the quality of life experience in a neighborhood.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU AND YOUR GROUP

- Report suspicious activity immediately. Do not hesitate or justify why NOT to call the police. Call first and let them figure out what is going on. That’s their job. If it was nothing then great! Here are some things to look for:
- Vehicles or persons not known to the neighborhood. Don’t assume they belong.
- Front doors, garages, or side gates standing open (Especially at night).
- Unknown persons entering side gates & back yards.
- Solicitors, Profit organizations require a city permit, non-profit organizations do not. (Call them in, we will check for permits).
- Anything else that makes you feel uneasy or unsure. Call the police and alert your neighbors.
- Be a GOOD witness. Immediately write down your observations. Make it as detailed as possible. Testify in court if asked to do so.
- Have a neighborhood meeting bi-annually. Block Parties count as a meeting!

WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

Call 911 from your home phone. If you do not feel it’s an emergency, then just say, “This is not an emergency.” Or you can call our 24-hour non-emergency number (408) 299-3233 or (408) 299-2311.

If you are calling from a cell phone, please call the 24-hour non-emergency number listed above. All Northern California 911 calls are answered by the CHP dispatch center in Vallejo, CA. Avoid lengthy ring times, transfer delays, and cell drops by programming in our 24-hour non-emergency number into your cell phone (408) 299-3233 or (408) 299-2311. That number is good anywhere in Santa Clara County.