



What is Neighborhood Watch?

Concerned residents are the best asset any police department has in fighting crime. The Neighborhood Watch program was developed to train and educate residents in ways to be involved, stay informed and work together with their neighbors to address mutual concerns and find solutions. A watch program is neighbors helping neighbors. A helpful Q and A on Neighborhood Watch can be found at www.blm.mn/NW

Who can participate?

Everyone! This is a free program offered for young, old, renter and home owner.

What are some of the benefits of starting a Watch Group?

- Partnerships with Law Enforcement and your neighbors
- Reducing the risk of being a crime victim
- A more secure and better prepared community
- A more united community
- Improved communications
- It works in reducing crime!



How do I set up a meeting?

- **Contact the Bloomington Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator: Katie Zerull, 952-563-8808 or kzerull@bloomingtonMN.gov**
- Decide what will be your "Block Watch" area. This averages about 30 homes, but every neighborhood is evaluated on an individual basis.
- Pick a meeting date. The Bloomington Police Department will provide materials for your meeting, provide crime statistics for your neighborhood.
- Select a location for meeting. The meetings are usually held in homes or yards, but can be held in local churches, libraries or schools.

The Neighborhood Watch program is working and making a difference in the crime rate in Bloomington. By working together we can make sure our community stays a safe place to work and live.