



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIP SHEET

Neighborhood Watch is an organized group of neighbors who observe more closely any activity or situation that depreciates the appearance or safety of their community. They simply observe and report violations of ordinances and laws to the proper enforcement agencies. Neighbors who work together, and with their police department, is a benefit for all involved. Join the hundreds of neighborhoods already benefitting from this crime prevention effort. You CAN make a difference!

To start a neighborhood watch in your area, call 775-334-INFO.

For your reference, here is a list of phone numbers for Northern Nevada police departments:

- Main Reno Police Station – 775-334-2175
- Reno Police Substation – 775-334-2550
- Carson City Sheriff's Department – 775-887-2020
- Sparks Police Department – 775-353-2279
- Gardnerville: Washoe Tribe Police Department – 775-887-1275
- Minden: Douglas County Sheriff Office – 775-782-9900
- Virginia City: Storey County Sheriff Department – 775-847-0959

In case of a non-emergency, call 775-334-COPS.

To report crimes anonymously, call **Secret Witness – 775-322-4900**

- They do not ask for your name and do not have caller ID.
- Callers will be issued a tip number.
- The information is forwarded to law enforcement.

Crimes can be reported anonymously online at www.secretwitness.com.

Before calling, please be prepared to give as much detail about the crime or fugitive including but not limited to the following:

- What type of crime was committed or what the fugitive is wanted for.
- When the crime occurred or when the fugitive will be at a specific location.
- Where the crime occurred, where items from the crime can be found, or where the fugitive can be located at a specific time.
- The physical description of those involved in the crime.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

- Know the neighbors on all sides of you.
- Learn what vehicles belong there.

SECURE YOUR HOME

- Secure all doors and windows when you leave, even for short periods of time.

KEEP YOUR GARAGE DOOR CLOSED

- Garage burglaries often occur during the day. The thief simply walks into an open garage, removes what he or she wants and is gone in a minute or two.

STOLEN VEHICLES / THEFT FROM VEHICLES

- The safest place for your car is in your garage.
- The second safest place for your car is in your driveway locked up.
- All valuables should be removed from your vehicle or at least placed out of sight.

NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL MEETINGS

- Attend neighborhood patrol meetings to keep informed about crime problems in your area and to discuss what can be done to reduce crime.
- Select at least one neighbor to attend neighborhood association meetings. The association can be strengthened by your involvement, and the block can be strengthened by “networking” to the larger community.