

Practice Safety

Safety starts at home. If you make security a priority, other Watchers in your neighborhood will follow, forcing criminals to go elsewhere to find their next target.

Here are some tips for enhancing the safety of your home:

- Install locks on your doors and use them
- Trim shrubs, trees and hedges
- Activate your vehicle and house alarm systems
- Make sure your exterior lights are in working order and use them at night
- When on vacation, have a neighbor pick up your mail; you can also request vacation house checks from Dublin Police Services
- Request a home security assessment from Crime Prevention staff

Watchers help one another, so once you've secured your home, let neighbors know when their porch lights are out, their fences are broken, or their doors are left open at night.



See It, Hear It, Report It

An important responsibility of Watchers is to report anything suspicious to the police department. A commitment to reporting unusual activity sends a clear message to potential criminals that the neighborhood is watching, and it helps build trust among residents.

Don't hesitate to report the following situations to police and to your neighbors:

- Door-to-Door solicitors
- Unknown persons jumping over a neighbors' fence or entering an open garage
- Strange vehicles driven slowly and aimlessly
- Unknown persons peeking through house windows or mailboxes
- Relentless dog-barking or suspicious sounds such as screaming, breaking glass, or loud banging
- Any activity or behavior that makes you suspicious or nervous

Watchers should also report graffiti, burnt out street lights, and traffic issues, because good neighborhood maintenance tells criminals that residents are alert and they care.

**Report maintenance issues to:
Community Development
(925) 833-6610**

Unite Your Neighbors

Watchers recognize that community safety is a group effort, and they strive to keep neighbors connected. By coordinating regular activities, residents are reminded of the importance of communication and looking out for one another.

Here are some ideas to keep your Watch Group alert and aware:

- Conduct home security surveys for elderly and handicapped residents
- Organize neighborhood meetings that focus on current issues
- Publish a newsletter that gives local crime news, recognizes the efforts of watch group members, and highlights community activities
- Coordinate a community clean-up day or a fundraiser for a special cause
- Encourage citizen patrols to walk through neighborhoods and report suspicious activity to police
- Don't forget fun events like potlucks, block parties, book clubs, or game nights



What is a Watcher?

Neighborhood Watch Groups are not vigilantes and do not assume the role of police. However, as alert, observant members of the community, "Watchers" serve as extra eyes and ears for law enforcement.

As a "Watcher" you have an instrumental role in preserving the quality of life in your neighborhood. You do this by:

- 1) practicing safety;
- 2) reporting suspicious activity; and
- 3) bringing neighbors together.

This guide offers tips on how Watchers can contribute to the safety of their group, neighborhood, and community. **Thank you for being a part of the City of Dublin's Neighborhood Watch Program.**

The Block Captain on my Street is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

DUBLIN POLICE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	
Landline	9-1-1
Cellphone	462-1212
Non-Emergency	462-1212
Police Business Office	833-6670
Crime Prevention	833-6670
Crime Tip Hotline/Graffiti Hotline ...	833-6638
Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	452-2121

Other Numbers

Code Enforcement.....	833-6610
Public Works	833-6630

Neighborhood Resources

To discuss information contained in this brochure, contact **Neighborhood Resources** at **(925) 833-6610**.

Additional resources are available on-line at:
www.dublin.ca.gov/neighborhoodresources



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Watcher's Guide to a Safe Community



A Neighborhood Watch Resource