



HOW TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

The Process:

- Talk to your neighbors about their interest level.
- See if you can find a day of the week (Monday-Thursday, if possible) that works best for everyone.
- Settle on a location—front yards/driveways are great, but back yards and living rooms work too.
- Contact your zone representative (listed below) and plan to schedule at least two weeks out.
- Once you have a date and location, your zone representative will print fliers for you to pass out to your neighbors.
 - While it may be tempting to invite people from all over town, keep the invitations on your block only. The idea is to meet your immediate neighbors—the people whose houses you can see and who can see yours!
- After the meeting, keep in contact with your neighbors and plan to hold a refresher meeting every one to two years.

Why You Should Start a NHW Group:



- Develop positive relationships with neighbors and law enforcement
- Keep informed – learn to network with neighbors and block captains
- Maintain good communication – know your block captains and report crime to police
- Increase your observation skills – when you see something, say something
- Learn to pay attention to suspicious activity – know what to do when you see suspicious activity or subjects in your neighborhood
- Get involved and stay involved – It's easy and effective!

To schedule a meeting, contact Rachel Rivera
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