

What is Required of Volunteers?

- Each Block Watch area will require a Block Watch Captain and Co-Captain.
- Depending on the size of the complex or neighbourhood, more Captains or Co-Captains may need to be recruited.
- All Captains and Co-Captains must undergo a criminal record check by the police in advance of attending a free training session and crime prevention workshop.
- The Block Watch Application and Security Check form can be obtained from the Crime Prevention Coordinators or from one of our Community Police Offices.
- Block Watch does not require a lot of time or major responsibility, and the program is easy to organize.

To get involved in an existing Block Watch in your area, or if you are interested in starting a Block Watch for your area, contact your local Crime Prevention Coordinator, or contact the Community Police Office in your neighbourhood.

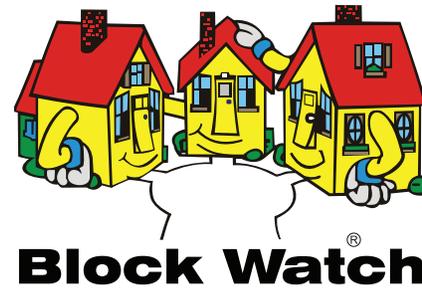
Contact Information

RCMP
Emergency 911
Non Emergency: 250-762-3300

Contact your local
Crime Prevention Coordinator
for more information on Block Watch
and Crime Prevention Programs:

Crime Prevention Coordinator
Regional District of Central Okanagan
1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 3Z4
250-707-8021
Email: crime.prevention@cord.bc.ca

Crime Prevention Coordinator
Kelowna RCMP Detachment
350 Doyle Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 6V7
250-470-6204



Other Crime Prevention Resources:

Block Watch Society of BC
www.blockwatch.com

BC Crime Prevention Association
www.bccpa.org

Safe Canada
www.safecanada.ca

For more information on
Crime Prevention Programs and Services visit:
www.regionaldistrict.com
www.kelowna.ca



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**Be part of the
Block Watch
Program**

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What is Block Watch?

Block Watch is a Crime Prevention program designed to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. It aims to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level. The fact is, the police alone cannot control crime; they require the assistance of an alert and concerned public. A crime-free community is the concern of everyone and Block Watch provides the means for citizens to be involved in the fight against crime. The ultimate success of Block Watch depends largely on a commitment to cooperate between area residents and the police - and more importantly, between residents themselves.



How does it work?

Block Watch thrives on mutual support. Your neighbours know who you are, what type of car you drive, when you come and go, and may be the first to notice a suspicious person at your door or window.

By simply getting to know neighbours around you, you will be able to recognize someone or something suspicious. When neighbours work together, they can combat crime in the most effective way - before it starts. Block Watch encourages active participation in crime prevention.

As part of the Program you can learn:

- How to make your home less inviting as a target for thieves;
- How to participate in an engraving program to mark your valuables;
- How to recognize and report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood;
- How to increase your personal safety;
- How to prevent auto theft; and
- What is happening in the area of community crime prevention through our Newsletter.

