

## What Is Block Watch?

The Block Watch Program is a *free* program operated by the Coquitlam R.C.M.P. Detachment to help prevent crime in your community.

## How Does Block Watch Work?

Block Watch is a program of “neighbour helping neighbour”. Residents form a Block Watch group and create a communication network, through the use of a block map of names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. They make a commitment to watch out for each other’s homes and report suspicious activities to the police and to each other. They also keep each other informed about neighbourhood occurrences, burglary, thefts, & other crimes or problems occurring on their street by providing this information to their Block Watch Captain.

## Who Can Join?

The Block Watch Program is not limited to residents of single family homes. Multi-family complexes can also form an effective and successful Block Watch by working together with their neighbours.

## What Is Required?

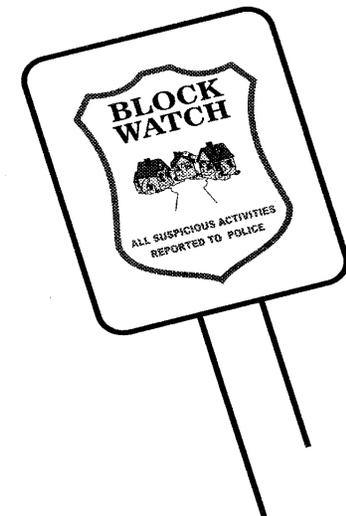
- △ Each block area of approximately 20 homes requires a minimum of at least one Block Captain and one Co-Captain.
- △ Depending on the size of some multi-family complexes, an Area Coordinator, as well as several Captains and Co-Captains may need to be recruited. (Usually one Captain and Co-Captain are required for every 10 units.)
- △ All Area Coordinators, Captains and Co-Captains must successfully undergo a security clearance by completing a Block Watch Application Form
- △ A completed Group Registration Form is required, listing all Participants
- △ The first meeting will be conducted by a someone from the Block Watch Office
- △ Block Watch does **not** require a lot of responsibility or time

## What Is My Role?

Essentially, your role is to be aware of what is going on in your neighbourhood. You and your neighbours are committed to being watchful of each other’s homes and to report suspicious activity to the police. After all, a watchful neighbour is the best defence against crime.

## Your two main commitments are:

1. To be concerned about your neighbours’ property as well as your own.
2. To report a crime in progress or any suspicious activity to the police and then to your Block Watch Captain.



## What Does Block Watch Provide?

- ✓ Crime Prevention and Home Security information, decals, engravers, and street signs
- ✓ Break and Enter Fan Outs
- ✓ Newsletters providing information on home security, crime trends and tips.
- ✓ How to properly recognise and report crime and suspicious activity to the police
- ✓ Liaison between you and the Police and other agencies and organizations
- ✓ A greater sense of safety, enhanced awareness and community spirit

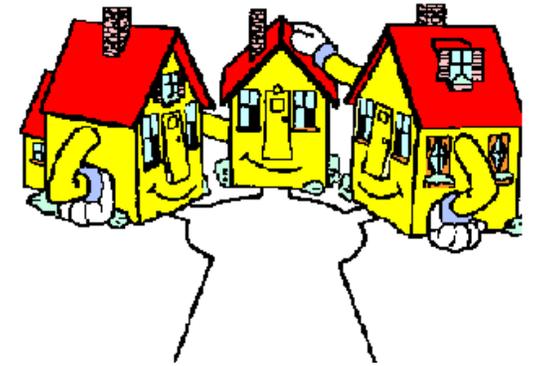
If you wish to obtain additional information about the Block Watch Program, please contact:

**604-933-6886**  
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## Block Watch Does Not Include:

- **Patrolling Neighbourhoods**  
You are not required to, nor do we recommend you patrol your neighbourhood and potentially put yourself in danger.
- **Chasing Burglars**  
This is the responsibility of the Police. All we ask is that you report suspicious persons and activities.
- **Attending Several Meetings**  
You are simply required to attend one neighbourhood gathering that your Captain or Co-Captain will invite you to each year.
- **Reduced Privacy**  
**Block Watch** is about neighbours “watching out” for one another, not “watching” one another.
- **Block Parents**  
**Block Watch** is not Block Parents.  
These terms refer to two separate programs.

# COQUITLAM R.C.M.P. BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM



**CREATING SAFER  
NEIGHBOURHOODS  
ONE BLOCK AT A TIME**