

What Is Block Watch?

Block Watch is a **free** program operated by the Coquitlam RCMP 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 list of names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

They make a commitment to watch out for each other’s homes and to immediately report all criminal and suspicious activities to the police and also to each other.

They keep each other informed about neighbourhood incidents or other 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 Watch group must have a minimum of 20 registered homes and requires one Block Captain and one Co-Captain.

Depending on the size of some multi-family complexes, some additional Captains/Co-Captains may be needed. Each complex requires one Area Coordinator in addition to their Captain and Co-Captain.

All Area Coordinators, Captains and Co-Captains must successfully undergo a security clearance by completing a Block Watch application form.

A group registration form must be submitted, listing all of the group participants, including their first and last names, address, phone number and email.

There must be an active Captain and Co-Captain and a current Block Watch group membership list on file in order to qualify for any insurance discounts which may be available to Block Watch members and to have the Block Watch street sign remain.

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What Is My Role?

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Basically, your role is to be aware of what is going on in your area or neighbourhood.

You and your neighbours are committed to being watchful of each other’s homes and look after one another.

Communicate with each other and be concerned about your neighbors’ property as well as your own.

To immediately report any criminal or 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, street signs and possibly an insurance discount
- ✓ Block Watch Fan Outs for crimes such as residential break and enters, including suspect descriptions.
- ✓ Crime Alerts providing information on crime trends/ hot spots, personal safety, home security and crime prevention tips.
- ✓ How to properly recognize 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.

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 small informal gathering or block party.
- ✗ **Reduced Privacy**
Block Watch is about neighbours “watching out” for one another, not “watching” one another.
- ✗ **Block Parents**
Block Watch is not the same as Block Parents. These are two separate programs.

COQUITLAM RCMP BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM



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ONE BLOCK AT A TIME**

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