Doing Your Part

Report these types of incidents to the Sheriff’s Department and talk about the problems with your neighbors:

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Someone looking into parked cars and windows
- Unusual noises
- Property being taken out of closed businesses or houses when no one is at home
- Cars, vans or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination, or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars

Important Phone Numbers

Keep these phone numbers near the phone. Better yet, program them into your cell phone.

Emergency ........................................... 911
City Hall .............................................. 267-5100
Code Enforcement ............................... 267-5234
Graffiti Removal ................................. 94-PRIDE
Crime Prevention ................................. 267-5170
Palmdale Sheriff’s Station (non-emergency) ...... 272-2400
Parking Enforcement ............................ 267-5436
Streetlight Repair ................................. 800/655-4555
The Basics of Neighborhood Watch

- Any community resident can join — young or old, single or married, renter or homeowner.
- Any resident or community organization can spearhead the effort to organize a Neighborhood Watch.
- Participants learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the Sheriff's Department.

Join a Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between law enforcement and the community they serve.

Getting Organized

To form a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the Crime Prevention office at 267-5170. A Crime Prevention Specialist will provide you with a Neighborhood Watch guide that explains how to get your group started, including:

- Selection of a Block Captain and Co-Captain
- Establishing a method for effective neighborhood communication
- Recruiting members and making special effort to include the elderly, working parents and young people
- Identifying areas of concern that are specific to your neighborhood

Staying Active

It’s an unfortunate fact that when a neighborhood crime crisis goes away, so does enthusiasm for Neighborhood Watch. The key to keeping a Neighborhood Watch group active is maintaining people’s interest over time.

- Organize regular meetings that focus on other issues such as recreational activities for children and emergency preparedness.
- Consider a neighborhood beautification project or participate in the Adopt-A-Wall graffiti removal program.
- Do not forget social events that give neighbors a chance to know each other — host a block party, picnic or softball game.