## Your Neighborhood Watch Contact Person is:

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **PHONE NUMBERS**

**EMERGENCY 911** 

Dispatch 435-634-5730

#### **WASHINGTON CITY**

Police Department 435-986-1515

Code Enforcement 435-986-1515 ext 7307

Animal Welfare Shelter & Services 435-673-7194

**Fire Department 435-673-4788** 

Public Works Department 435-656-6317

www.washingtoncity.org/
services/publicsafety/police

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

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## Neighborhood Watch Tips

Remember, you can avoid being the victim of many crimes by following a few simple guidelines. Don't make it easy on criminals! They are committing crimes of opportunity. Here are a few things you can do that can greatly reduce your chance of being victimized:

#### **ALWAYS**

 Keep garage doors closed.
 Both day and night.



- Use motion sensor lights or leave exterior lights on at night.
- Lock your house doors and windows.
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed away from windows.
- Park cars in garage if possible.
- Lock car doors and roll up windows.
- Never leave valuables in cars. (Purses, iPods, etc)
- Report suspicious people or incidents to police.
- Never let strange people into your home.

#### **VACATIONS**

If you are going out of town, don't make it obvious your house is sitting empty.
Things to do if you are going out of town:

- Leave a light on or use a light timer.
- Have someone pick up your newspaper and mail.
- Let your trusted neighbors know.

You may also contact the Washington City Police Department to file a 'Residential Vacation Security Check'. This form will ask you for your contact information, tell us if someone will be at your home while you are gone, and what cars will be parked on the property. As time permits, officers will check the home for suspicious activity and security.

#### **HOUSE ALARMS**

Residential alarm systems can be a useful tool and crime deterrent. Unfortunately, many alarm calls are due to false alarms. Most of these false alarms can be avoided with the proper precautions. Here are some of the common reasons for false alarms:

- Wind. Doors and windows which are not properly secured.
- Animals. Pets often set off motion sensors.
- Hanging curtains and plants. These can blow around from air conditioning and heating, setting off motion sensors.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### **ANIMAL PROBLEMS**

Issues of stray or injured animals, barking dogs, or other animal emergencies can be reported through Dispatch 24 hours a day. Non-emergency animal problems should be reported to the Washington City Animal Welfare Division. For pet licensing, adoptions or immunizations, call the Washington City Animal Shelter.

#### **CODE VIOLATIONS**

Vehicles abandoned on the street, unlicensed door to door sales, or concerns which need immediate action can be reported through Dispatch.
Code violations, such as weed abatement, vehicles stored on lots, or improper use of buildings, should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division through the Washington City Police Department at 435-986-1515 ext 7307.

#### **TRAFFIC**

Immediate traffic concerns, such as reckless drivers, intoxicated drivers, or other public safety issues, should be reported through Dispatch. General concerns, such as speeding in a specific area, or requests for more traffic control, can be reported to the Police Department office or to your area Neighborhood Watch contact person. Requests for additional traffic signs should be made directly to the Washington City Public Works office.

#### **FIRE**

Permits for controlled burns or other non-emergency Fire Department related concerns can be made through the

Washington City Fire Department.



CALL 911 for any emergency.