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## Your Home is Better Protected if

- \*All exterior doors are solid core doors with deadbolt locks
- \*Doors are always locked
- \*Locks are changed after moving into a new residence
- \*Your home address is visible
- \*Exterior doors are hinged from within
- \*There are good lights in areas which otherwise might conceal prowlers
- \*Shrubbery close to your building is trimmed to prevent a break-in from going unnoticed
- \*There are wide angle viewers (peepholes) in solid doors
- \*Valuables are in a bank safety deposit box
- \*There are window stops to restrict opening
- \*Emergency numbers are close to all phones
- \*Mail and paper deliveries are always cancelled during vacations and absences
- \*Grass is mowed; snow is shoveled
- \*Light timers are used all the time, including periods of absences
- \*Garage door(s) are always closed and locked
- \*Vacation plans are never publicized or told to unknown persons
- \*You never leave a message on the door as to where you have gone
- \*All car doors are locked and keys are in possession of the owner
- \*Suspicious persons around your neighborhood are always reported
- \*License numbers of suspicious cars are always reported
- \*A trusted neighbor has access to your home during a vacation for periodic checks
- \*Identification is always requested of unfamiliar persons who ask to enter your home
- \*You avoid having personal identification on keys
- \*No information is provided to unknown callers, at the door and on the phone
- \*Valuables are engraved with your driver's license number

**For More Information  
Please Contact**

**Spotsylvania County  
Sheriff's Office**

**Crime Prevention Office  
(540) 507-7177  
crimeprevention@spotsylvania.va.us**



**Join us for Neighborhood  
Watch Monthly Meeting  
2nd Tuesday each month  
7:00 pm  
Sheriff's Substation  
Spotsylvania Towne Centre**

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**Spotsylvania County  
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## Neighborhood Watch



**A Partnership for**

**Safer Neighborhoods**

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# Neighborhood Watch



Neighborhood Watch, in various forms, has been around for many years. Today it is one of the most popular and successful efforts to prevent residential crime. Here in Virginia it is reported that several hundred thousand households are participating in Neighborhood Watch programs.

## Benefits

- \*Reduces and prevents crime
- \*Increases reporting of crime and suspicious activities
- \*Serves as a warning to criminals
- \*Provides residents with access to crime patterns and trends that may threaten them
- \*Promotes neighborliness
- \*Provides direct contact with the Sheriff's Office
- \*Increases arrest and conviction of criminals due to the availability of eye witnesses

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## Getting Started

- \*If your neighborhood does not have a program, talk with several neighbors about starting one.
- \*Contact the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office for help in establishing the program and training neighbors.
- \*Select a coordinator and block captains who will help generate support for the program, and act as a contact person with the Sheriff's Office to give and receive information about criminal activity in the neighborhood.
- \*Once training is complete the Sheriff's Office will provide a Neighborhood Watch sign to post at the neighborhood entrance.
- \*Participate in the monthly NW meeting for the county to keep abreast of trends and law enforcement activities.