

# Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is designed to increase neighborhood livability by reducing crime through active citizen participation and diligence.

## What is Neighborhood Watch?

An active Neighborhood Watch is one of the most successful and least costly crime prevention programs available. Neighborhood Watch is a cooperative effort between the police department and the community. An organized program is an invaluable tool and the best way to organize your neighborhood.

## Benefits

- Increases neighborhood awareness.
- Provides communication between MPD and your community.
- Deters criminal activity.
- Reduces the fear of crime.
- Reduces the risk of becoming a victim.

## Contact Us

Emergency  
911

Non Emergency Dispatch  
(208) 377-6790

Meridian Police  
(208) 888-6678

Animal Control  
(208) 343-3166

[crimeprevention@meridiancity.org](mailto:crimeprevention@meridiancity.org)



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Working to strengthen our community through the reduction and prevention of crime within Meridian.



## Meetings

Neighborhood Watch Meetings should be held one to two times a year on average. Meetings give neighbors the opportunity to meet face to face, get to know each other better and discuss issues or concerns within the neighborhood.

After the initial meeting, we ask neighborhoods to schedule one meeting a year with the police department to stay current on information and crime trends.

## Maintaining the Program

To maintain a successful Neighborhood Watch program it is important to stay in contact with your neighbors. This may be achieved by creating your own neighborhood contact list or communicating through your property management company.

Additional ways to keep your program active:

- Participate in National Night Out.
- Throw a yearly safety social.
- Distribute the MPD Quarterly Crime Prevention Newsletter and additional safety information.

## Additional Resources

Neighborhood Watch Program  
Materials and Signs



[www.nnwi.org](http://www.nnwi.org)

Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention



[www.meridianmadc.org](http://www.meridianmadc.org)

## How do I start a program?

A few easy steps will get you started:

1. Choose a Neighborhood Watch Liaison\* for the neighborhood.
2. The liaison will fill out an application, send it in, and will be put through a minimal background check by the police department.
3. Once the liaison is cleared, they will work with the Crime Prevention Unit to plan the first meeting.

\*A Neighborhood Watch Liaison is a resident of the neighborhood who will work with the Crime Prevention Unit to set up and plan meetings as well as receive and distribute information between the PD and the neighborhood when needed.

