

**Engrave your
British Columbia
Driver's Licence
Number on your property**



BLOCK WATCH provides you with a plan when you need it most. Be prepared. Know how to give accurate descriptions of suspects and vehicles when you phone the police. Spot suspicious behaviour when you see it and know how to accurately report it.

**A watchful neighbour is
your best burglar alarm**

BLOCK WATCH is a way of getting to know your neighbours. Look out for each other and your community. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. Get a neighbour to help you and give us a call to get you on your way to starting a neighbourhood BLOCK WATCH.

Many insurance companies give BLOCK WATCH participants a discount on their house insurance.

**Alarms
Work!!**



**Don't let anyone.....
.....knock your block off**



Sign up

**AND RECEIVE A
BLOCK WATCH SIGN**

BLOCK WATCH



Start with your Block!!!

Call the
North Vancouver RCMP
Block Watch office
at
604-969-7553



What is BLOCK WATCH?

BLOCK WATCH is a free crime prevention program operated by the North Vancouver RCMP. It requires nothing but your time and commitment to the safety of your home and community.



BLOCK WATCH is all about neighbours helping neighbours. Households, apartments or condominiums on a block form a communication chain aided by a map of names, telephone numbers and addresses. Participants watch out for each other's homes and report suspicious activities to the police and each other to reduce the likelihood of residential crime.

Don't sit back, be proactive, take part in your community. Many burglaries can be prevented if criminals know there are watchful neighbours. Many people call to start a BLOCK WATCH, after they have been the victims of a break-in.



Call the North Vancouver Block Watch Office at 604-969-7553 to start a BLOCK WATCH.

How do I start a BLOCK WATCH?



BLOCK WATCH requires the participation of two (or more) members of your block, apartment building or condominium to act as Block Captain and Co-Captain. Once the Captain and Co-Captain have been selected, they must attend an evening BLOCK WATCH training session at the RCMP Detachment where they will receive a Criminal Record Check application form.

Their next step is to gather the neighbours together for a meeting where the Captain and Co-Captain explain the program.

All that remains now is for you to make a block map. Once this has been submitted you are assigned a block number and the City or District will install a BLOCK WATCH sign on your block. Participants will receive BLOCK WATCH decals for their doors and windows. The decals state that your property has been marked for identification. You do this by engraving your B.C. driver's licence number on your property.

DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE HAS CALLED THE POLICE...



EMERGENCY CALLS

Include:

- ◆ Crimes in progress – (Break-ins/vandalism when suspect is present).
- ◆ An individual is in danger and/or in harms way.
- ◆ Unusual noises – screaming, breaking glass.

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS

604-985-1311

- ◆ Slow moving vehicles cruising the block – possibly casing of a home.
- ◆ Vehicle being loaded with valuables – possible burglary or theft in progress.
- ◆ Persons looking in parked cars.
- ◆ Persons going door to door (particularly back doors).



BLOCK WATCH will give you ideas on improving your home security.

- ◆ Are your door locks adequate?
- ◆ Is your strike plate (mounted on the door frame) reinforced with 3-inch screws?
- ◆ Do you have secondary locks on all windows, rather than just simple catches provided by the builder or manufacturer?
- ◆ Do you know where all the keys are to your home and office?
- ◆ When you leave home, even for a short time, do you lock all doors, windows, garage and shed?