



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Are you interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program? This program is designed for citizens to take an active role in building a safer community.

Here's how it works:

Getting Started

- Get together with your neighbors and decide when to hold your first meeting.
- Call and schedule your first meeting with the Community Relations Specialist at (714) 536-5245.
- Decide where to hold your meeting. It can be at your house, front yard, community park, or cul-de-sac's end.
- Try to keep your watch group confined to your immediate neighborhood.
- Representatives from HBPD and/or Neighborhood Watch Board members will attend your first meeting.
- Follow the HBPD's social media platforms on Nextdoor, Instagram, Facebook, and X (Twitter).
- Your group will be successful if every household takes an active part.



CRIME PREVENTION:

Residential Burglary-

- If you see something, say something!
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Ensure ample lighting around the property.
- Utilize the HBPD Vacation House Check Program.

CRIME PREVENTION:

Vehicle Theft-

- Always lock your car doors.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight.
- Never leave the vehicle unattended and running.
- Keep all windows closed.

**CRIME PREVENTION:****Beware of Distracted Theft**

Thieves commonly work by approaching a victim, usually older adults, on a walk or in the parking lot. The thieves may ask for directions, offer prayers, try to sell jewelry, offer help, or request help. They try to get close by asking for a hug or distracting you to try to steal your purse, wallet, cash, or jewelry. These crimes happen so quickly that when the victims realize what has happened, the suspect(s) are gone.

Upcoming Events

- March 2, 2024 – Read Across America Day
 - HBPD will partner with local schools to promote literacy.
- March 6, 2024 – HBPD Citizen's Academy
 - Enrolled students will learn hands-on from department personnel to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Police Department.

Apply today at bit.ly/HBPDcitizensacademy



On behalf of your HB Neighborhood Watch Volunteers, we send the warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Need Help?

- Non-Emergency: (714) 960-8825
- HBPD (714) 960-8811
- Graffiti Hotline: (714) 960-8861
- Vacation House Checks: (714) 374-1507
- **Emergency: 911**
- **Download the MyHB app**