

Watch Member Responsibilities

- Be alert
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other
- Report suspicious activity
- Report crimes to police
- Learn how you can make your family and community safer

What kind of activities should you be on the lookout for?

- Someone screaming for help
- Someone looking in windows
- Property being taken when no one is home
- Cars, vans or truck moving slowly in the neighborhood with no apparent destination or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Property being destroyed
- Unsafe conditions in your "Area"

How should these incidents be reported?

- Dial 911 for emergencies
- Be sure to give your name, address and phone number
- Explain what you observed
- Briefly describe the suspect; sex, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics
- Describe a vehicle, make, model, color, license plate, direction of travel, stickers or other distinctive marks or features

**Emergency
Dial 911**

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NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH**

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Food For Thought

Crime Watch, Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch.....

Whatever the name, it is a great way to prevent crime and reduce fear in **YOUR** neighborhood.

It solidifies bonds between neighbors, helps to reduce your risk of being burglarized and improves relations between police and the community your officers are proud to serve.

Why a Neighborhood Watch?

- Because it WORKS. Throughout the Country, dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement agencies with active Neighborhood Watches programs.
- The Lower Macungie area is growing rapidly. This causes more vehicular traffic as well as pedestrian traffic.
- Many families have 2 working parents and children involved in many activities that keep them away from the home. An empty house is a prime target for burglary.
- Builds pride
- Retains the sound quality of life we enjoy in our community.
- WHY NOT?

How To Get Involved

You are already involved simply being a resident of Macungie Borough. To receive crime watch alerts, updates and other information about the program in your area email crimewatch@macungiepd.org and your email address will be added to the electronic list.

Residents can request crime prevention information on a topic of their choice and contact the Area Coordinator or the Crime Prevention Officer. A meeting can be set up to discuss the material or it can be distributed to the requesting party.

ALERTS/INFO

To view previous crime watch alerts visit www.macungiepd.org
Alerts are added as Macungie residents notify the police department of suspicious activity of potential scams. The same alert information is emailed to crime watch members who are on the email list.

What does a Neighborhood Watch do?

- A Neighborhood Watch is **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**.
- Provides an extra set of eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors.
- Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and report suspicions to the Macungie Police Department.
- Creates a good community relationship between the residents and the police.

What are the major components of a Watch Program?

- **Meetings.** Can be monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.
- **Residents can patrol.** A patrol is made up of volunteers who walk or drive through the community and alert police to crime and questionable activities.
- **Communications.** These can be as simple as flyers posted on community boards or a monthly newsletter that updates neighbors on the progress of the program.
- **Special Events.** This is crucial to keep the program going and growing. Block parties, awareness information and safety information is handed out and implemented. Current trends and crimes are discussed and safety plans are initiated.