

Property Identification

Protect your Valuables

Engrave your BC Drivers' licence number on a non-removable part of each item of value in your home. Engravers are available on loan from the Block Watch office.

Keep a record of all items you mark on your household inventory card.



Six Steps to a Successful Block Watch

1. Look out for one another.
2. Upgrade your door security hardware to withstand a 45 second constant attack.
3. Mark your property with your BC Drivers' licence number.
4. Notify the Police of criminal activity.
5. Your Block Captain will notify you of any Police Fan Outs.
6. Hold an annual Block Watch meeting for your street.

Be Responsible

As a member of the community, your responsibility for its protection and safety does not end at your property line. No one can guard themselves and their property all the time...neighbours need each other.

To start the Block Watch program in your neighbourhood, someone needs to take a leadership role and volunteer to be the Block Watch Captain, with someone else volunteering to be the Co-Captain.

JOIN BLOCK WATCH TODAY



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Victoria, BC V8X 2W6
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Follow Block Watch on Twitter!
[@SaanichBlkWatch](https://twitter.com/SaanichBlkWatch)

For more information and to register for the next Information Session please contact the Block Watch Office.

Block Watch Office

250-475-4365

BlockWatch@SaanichPolice.ca



Block Watch

Program Information

**Open the door to your neighbours.
Lock the door on crime.**



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What Is Block Watch?

Block Watch is a FREE program operated by Saanich Police to help prevent crime in your neighbourhood.

How Does Block Watch Work?



Block Watch is about neighbours helping neighbours. Families on a block form a communication chain aided by a Block Map of names, phone numbers and email addresses. They watch out for each other and report suspicious activities to the police and each other to reduce the likelihood of residential crime.

Block Watch Also Provides...

- A discount on your home insurance.
- Tips on how to better secure your home.
- Information & tools to mark your property.
- Block Watch window decals.
- Crime prevention strategies for your area through a monthly newsletter.

Improve Your Home Security.

How Safe is Your Home?



Do not rely on typical door locks!



Install a 1 inch throw deadbolt.

A substantial number of burglaries are committed by opportunistic thieves who rely on easy entry into your home.

- Are your door locks adequate?
- Is your strike plate (mounted on door frame) reinforced with a 2-inch or 3-inch screw?
- Do you have secondary locks on all windows rather than just the simple catches provided by most manufacturers?
- Do you know where all the keys are to your home?
- When you leave home, even for a short time, do you lock all doors and windows, including any outside sheds or garages?

Burglars Don't Like to be Seen!

- Do you make your home look and sound occupied when you are away?
- Do you leave a light on at night? Use timers to your advantage!

Report Suspicious Activities.

Look out for people who may be coming into your area to commit a crime. For example:



- Unfamiliar persons loitering in your neighbourhood.
- Slow moving vehicles that circle the block or unfamiliar parked vehicles, especially if someone remains in them.
- Unusual noises, glass breaking, barking dogs, screaming, etc.
- Persons going from door to door. Especially back doors.
- Persons looking in parked cars.



Don't assume someone else has called the Police!
Three calls received is better than no calls at all!

