

STAYING ACTIVE

COMMUNICATE

- * Use online tools, like Nextdoor Groups or Facebook Groups, to share information
- * Divide larger neighborhoods into manageable segments and assign a block captain to each area to share news and information with neighbors
- * Personally share information with neighbors who don't have access to email or the internet
- * Regularly share news and information, even if unrelated to Neighborhood Watch
- * Forward the City's email newsletters and weekly Sheriff's Office Report to your neighbors

SOCIALIZE

- * Plan at least one gathering per year
- * Apply for a Neighborhood Watch Grant to kick start a social activity for your Neighborhood Watch group
- * Block party permits are free and the City offers free barricades and cones

BROADEN HORIZONS

- * Find opportunities to meet up outside of Neighborhood Watch, such as walking groups or children's play groups
- * Join Saratoga's Community Emergency Response Team to learn how to prepare your neighborhood for a disaster

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

PREVENT HOME BURGLARIES

- * Lock all doors and windows when not in use or anytime no one is home, also lock side gates to the back yard and doors to the garage
- * Close blinds and curtains when no one is home or after dark to avoid advertising any expensive property
- * Never hide a key outside
- * Install exterior, motion-activated lighting in your front yard, side yard, and back yard
- * Program interior light timers to turn on at random times, so it appears that someone is home
- * Always activate home alarm systems when away and test alarms regularly
- * Request a patrol check when you are out of town at www.saratoga.ca.us/patrol

AVOID SCAMS & ID THEFT

- * Install a heavy duty locking mailbox or use a PO Box to prevent mail theft, which often leads to identity theft
- * Confirm whether a call is legitimate if someone requests personal information or money

STOP VEHICLE THEFT & BREAK-INS

- * Never leave your vehicle running while unattended
- * Always lock your vehicle and activate the alarm, consider using a mechanical locking device
- * Don't leave valuable items in plain sight or move them to the trunk in public parking areas

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Call 911 immediately if you see suspicious activity.

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SARATOGA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



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www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch

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GETTING STARTED

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- * Neighborhood Watch is one of the best ways to deter crime and build community
- * Residents who are active in Neighborhood Watch are better able to identify and report unusual activities to law enforcement
- * Neighborhood Watch is a great and easy way to maintain a healthy and vibrant neighborhood
- * Check the map of registered Neighborhood Watch groups to see if you are part of an existing Neighborhood Watch at www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch
- * Contact the City at 408.868.1269 to get connected to an existing group or for help forming a new one

GAUGE INTEREST

- * Talk to a few neighbors to gauge interest, see if there are others who can help organize and get your Neighborhood Watch group started
- * Decide the boundaries of your Neighborhood Watch area
- * Smaller groupings of homes can be easier to manage
- * A larger neighborhood can be managed by breaking it into zones or blocks of 10 to 20 homes with designated captains for each area that are responsible for communicating with residents in that area

GET TOGETHER

- * Set a date to bring your neighborhood together
- * Get consensus on concerns, goals, and neighborhood boundaries

BRING IN THE EXPERTS

- * Contact the City at 408.868.1269 to request a presentation from the Sheriff's Office
- * Learn how to identify and report suspicious activity
- * Receive tips for keeping your family and home safe

REGISTER WITH THE CITY

- * Register your group with the City at www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch
- * Registered Neighborhood Watch groups will be added to the City's Neighborhood Watch map and are eligible for signage and Neighborhood Watch Grant

STAY CONNECTED

- * Keep a roster for your neighborhood for easier communications
- * Organize regular gatherings

GET HELP

- * Visit www.saratoga.ca.us/stayingsafe or call 408.868.1269 for help organizing or for more information about Neighborhood Watch

RESOURCES

ANNUAL GRANT

- * \$300 grant from the City to registered Neighborhood Watch groups
- * Neighborhoods can decide how they would like to use the money
- * Examples include annual block parties, flyers, or informational materials.
- * Apply online at www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch

SUBSCRIBE

- * Subscribe to receive emergency notifications at www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc
- * Subscribe to City e-newsletters, including weekly Sheriff's Office Report, monthly Saratoga Source, quarterly Neighborhood Watch at www.saratoga.ca.us/subscribe
- * Encourage neighbors to sign up to receive the newsletters or share the newsletters when you receive them

SHARE

- * Share your success stories or seek information from other Neighborhood Watch groups
- * Visit www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch to start sharing your experiences on the online Saratoga Neighborhood Watch forum

INFO

- * Find crime trends and a variety of safety tips on the City's website at www.saratoga.ca.us/stayingsafe