

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Safe City Mississauga's Neighbourhood Watch is a no-cost program to educate residents and mobilize communities for the purpose of crime prevention. Neighbourhoods are safest when people know who their neighbours are, and this program is an excellent way to get your area working together, staying in contact, and having fun!

HOW TO START YOUR OWN



Contact Safe City Mississauga

All it takes is one resident to get the process going. When making the choice to start a Watch, the canvasser(s) contact Safe City Mississauga to register their Watch, receive their reference letter and sign-up sheet. If you live in a private complex or building, you'll need permission from your Board of Directors.



Canvass your Neighbourhood

Canvassers are responsible for going door-to-door and collecting the contact information of the people in the neighbourhood. A minimum participation of 25 homes, or 50% of the street (whichever is greater) is **required** for the program to be activated. Once this information is collected, it's entered into a database by Safe City Mississauga, and is never shared or sold.



C.P.T.E.D. Audit

Safe City Mississauga will conduct an audit of the neighbourhood. An audit report will indicate any structural/environmental issues in the neighbourhood that may be inviting to criminals. The audit will suggest small changes that can be made to reduce the opportunity for potential crime occurrences.



City Signage

The City of Mississauga will install Neighbourhood Watch signage denoting your area as an activated Watch. These signs serve as psychological reminders to criminals to stay away, while branding your street. Private complexes and buildings are responsible for their own installation.



Activation Meeting

Safe City Mississauga hosts an 'activation meeting' at a local community centre or library for your neighbourhood. All dwellings in the Watch are invited to attend this presentation delivered by Safe City Mississauga, and Peel Regional Police. The meeting covers home security, crime prevention information, and strategies to be an effective Watch. It's recommended all Members or potential Members attend this meeting. Take home materials and fact sheets are provided. At this meeting the 'Team Lead' will be introduced. Most often the original canvasser, this Team Lead will be responsible for maintaining the Watch and sending out communications to the Members. Your local Ward Councillor will be invited.



Communicating with your Watch

Watch Members are now trained to report suspicious and criminal activity in their neighbourhood - both to Peel Regional Police and their local Team Lead. Team Leads are responsible for taking the reports and sending them out to all Watch Members. This ensures everyone knows whenever something suspicious/criminal happens in their Watch, and keeps people talking.



Neighbours Night Outs!

All Neighbourhood Watches are encouraged to have Neighbours Night Out events right on their street! Community events like potlucks, BBQs, or just regular coffee outside are a great way to get neighbours out of their home and socializing. It sends a strong message to criminals that this is an active community, and that you live in a Watch where people stand together.



Interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch?
Visit us online for more information and to register your street!

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