

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
  - A stranger sitting in a car or trying to talk to a child.
- Report these incidents to the police. Talk with your neighbors about any problems and your concerns.



**Communicate!**

- Read the ISCA web site for safety articles, prevention tips and local crime news.
- Participate in ISCA's email list servs.
- The ISCA monthly Meetings often discuss current issues such as drug abuse, violence, crime in schools, recreational activities for young people, and victim services.

**How to Report Crimes or Problems**

- Call 911 immediately, if you see a possible crime in progress, a person who has been identified as suspicious or if there is an emergency.
- Call 301-279-8000 immediately if a crime has already occurred, if you see someone that raises faint suspicion, or for any suspicious activities.
- It helps to give your name and address, but is not necessary.



- Briefly describe the event—what happened, when, where, and who was involved.
- Describe the suspect: gender, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, and distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustache, scars, or accent.
- Give the vehicle license plate number, if one was involved, plus any details such as color, make, model, year, and special features (stickers, dents, decals, etc.). The license plate can be very helpful.
- Call your Block Captain so they can alert the rest of the Watch about the event.
- Send your concern to at least one of Indian Spring's listservs ([iscaonline@yahoogroups.com](mailto:iscaonline@yahoogroups.com); [ISCAWATCH@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ISCAWATCH@yahoogroups.com)). You will need to be subscribed to these listservs. You can find information about the listservs and other information on the [iscaonline.com](http://iscaonline.com) <<http://iscaonline.com>> web site. See in particular the neighborhood watch section of the website.

To join or for more information, contact:  
Block Captain \_\_\_\_\_

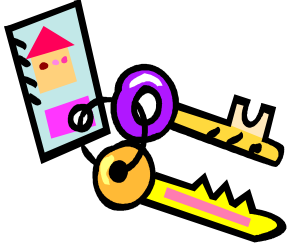
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# STAND STRONG AGAINST CRIME

Be part of Indian Spring's Neighborhood Watch!

Crime happens even in our Indian Spring neighborhood and we need YOUR help to keep our homes safe.





### What does our Neighborhood Watch do?

- Our Neighborhood Watch has neighbors

helping neighbors. We meet and watch out for each other and our homes. This forges bonds and builds neighborhood cohesion.

- We are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and suspicious activities to the police. Getting feedback about our neighborhood helps the police and improves relations between them and our community.
- Our Watch also educates us about dead bolt locks, smoke alarms, and other safety devices to better secure our homes.

### Who can be involved?

- Every community resident can help—young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner!
- There's no need to formally join. Just be willing to keep a caring eye out for your neighbors and to report suspicious activity to the police, the listserv, and your block captain.
- Many of us can just be more observant during our daily walks or driving in the neighborhood.

- You can also participate more actively by joining as a block captain, helping to recruit members, giving up-to-date information to new residents, and spreading the news of safety.

### What do Block Captains do?

- Block captains are the point of contact if any crime or suspicious activity occurs on their block.
  - They can elect to convene a meeting of their block so that everyone gets to know each other. And they might put together a list of block's residents for the exclusive use of those neighbors.
  - Many blocks have block parties that serve the meeting goal.
  - They might hand out the watch brochure, every few years and let neighbors know of the availability of an engraver.
- These activities only require a few hours per year at most.



### We need you to:

- Be alert and observant!
- Know your neighbors and watch out for one another.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police, the listserv and your Block Captain.
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.
- Participate in Operation Identification by engraving your valuables. (Ask your Block Captain for help so as to discourage theft and help law enforcement agencies identify and return stolen property.)
- Supply your Block Captain with your name and phone number to keep you informed of activities and crimes in our neighborhood.
- Keep your eyes open and do not hesitate to alert police to crime and questionable activities.



### What of suspicious activities should you look for?

- A stranger looking into windows of houses and parked cars.
- Property being taken out of closed houses where no one is at home.
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination, or without lights.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle.