

## *Empowering our Community*

### **What is Arlington Neighborhood Watch ?**

Arlington Neighborhood Watch is a voluntary community-based effort where neighbors join together to enhance safety in their neighborhoods. Citizens understand they have a responsibility to keep their neighborhoods safe for their families.

Neighborhood Watch is an effective and inexpensive way to help make neighborhoods safer by:

- Reporting suspicious activity
- Helping neighbors be prepared for community emergencies
- Building community pride
- Identifying hazards
- Promoting neighborhood communication

### **How does Neighborhood Watch make my neighborhood safer ?**

Neighborhood Watch is community empowerment and a weapon against criminal behavior. Neighbors joining together to care about their community create a cohesiveness that helps them know their neighbors and be more aware of criminal or suspicious activity in their neighborhood. By reporting suspicious or criminal activity, as well as hazardous conditions that might be seen, neighborhoods become safer because of those neighbors who care.

### **How do we start ?**

Talk to your neighbors about joining you and call 703-228-4330 and we will meet with you! Your civic association might also have information.

### **Do we have to patrol ?**

Absolutely not! While your group may choose to patrol your neighborhood, you are not required to do so. What you can expect is a visit from a crime prevention specialist who will teach your group how to:

- Identify & report suspicious activity and hazards
- Maintain contact with your Police District to learn about crime trends in your neighborhood
- Communicate crime and emergency info to your neighbors
- Identify those neighbors who might have special needs in an emergency
- Identify other crime prevention resources that can be available to your neighborhood
- Identify other opportunities individuals and groups have to serve their neighborhoods
- Use Operation Identification



# Forest Hills

Community Association

## Arlington County Neighborhood Watch



A COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PROGRAM  
FOR NEIGHBORS  
WHO CARE

### Who is Neighborhood Watch for ?

- Residential neighborhoods
- Condominium associations
- Apartment complexes
- High-rise buildings
- Commercial high-rises
- Malls
- Any group of people living or working together who want to make their environment safer

**ALWAYS CALL THE  
ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE**  
for suspicious activity!

For minor neighborhood concerns  
call your neighbor or a  
**FHCA Block Captain**  
check the FHCA Directory for the  
most up-to-date list and contact information

### Why Neighborhood Watch ?

- The police can not be everywhere
- Residents know their neighborhood better than anyone
- Reporting suspicious activity prevents crime
- It brings neighbors and communities together

Need more information about the  
Neighborhood Watch Program?

Arlington County Virginia

ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
CALL 703-228-4330  
para español  
or, 703-558-2222  
(hearing or speech impaired)



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