



Caldwell Police Department / Crime Preventions

## Neighborhood Watch:

**Support and Strengthen Neighborhoods:** Neighborhoods are strengthened and crime is deterred as citizens become familiar with the person living next door, down the street and even on the next block. A Commander, Block Captains and involved neighbors meet a few times a year to discuss new issues and solutions to problems.

**Community Policing:** The Neighborhood Watch program is an excellent example of community policing: law enforcement and citizens teaming up to prevent crime. Through this program, neighbors are reminded they are not vigilantes who confront or try to apprehend the offender. Instead they are on-sight or first hand reporters who inform local law enforcement of a suspicious or unusual circumstance or persons in their neighborhood.



**Neighborhood Meetings:** Any items of general concern that you have as a neighbor would be addressed at your Neighborhood Watch meetings. These meetings are also meant to serve as educational tools on basic crime prevention ideas such as locks, lighting, landscaping and personal safety issues. This guide can be used for education: [Partnership for a Safer Community - Citizen Guide](#).

**Building Relationships:** Probably the most important aspect of Neighborhood Watch is the relationships that are formed through social interaction which is a natural means of crime deterrent.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out is an annual celebration of neighborhoods that takes place in August of every year. We encourage neighborhoods to BBQ and get to know each other. Each year, the police department visits neighborhoods who organize a night out. Please call us for more information!

Please review our [Neighborhood Watch Packet](#) for additional information and the guide on [How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Group in 5 Easy Steps](#) for more information. If after reviewing these documents, you have additional questions, please contact CPD [amatthews@cityofcaldwell.org](mailto:amatthews@cityofcaldwell.org).