# Neighborhood Watch

## What is it?

➢ It is an effective and low cost means of preventing crime

➢ It fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon

➢ It forges bonds among area residents

➢ Improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

## Goals

Neighborhood Watch strives to:

➢ Establish Neighborhood Watch Groups in every neighborhood in Layton City.
➢ Provide training, support and networking for Neighborhood Watch groups
➢ Notify neighborhoods of crime patterns that develop in their area.

# The Growing Need for Neighborhood Watch

It is a fact of life that relationships in many of today's communities' have become less personal than they were years ago.

Families are more transient, children have more activities that take them and their parents away from home, and there are more families with both parents working.

The once familiar sight of families visiting with each other on front porches while keeping a watchful eye on children and activities in the neighborhood is a rarity in most communities today.

This trend away from personal contact in the neighborhood and the decrease in time families spend at home are two of the essential ingredients that make communities ripe for crimes of opportunity, such as burglary.

This information is provided by the Layton Police Department Community Resource Unit 801-497-8300 and The Layton Community Action Council www.laytoncac.org

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

WARNING

ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES ARE **IMMEDIATELY** REPORTED TO OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER!

**Neighborhood Crime Prevention…
A Joint Responsibility**

# 5 Things You and Your Neighbors Can Do

➢ **Work with local police.**
Use other organizations on solving common problems.

➢ **Make your neighborhood a safe place to be.**
Make sure that all the youth in the neighborhood have positive ways to spend their spare time.

➢ **Set up a Neighborhood Watch program.**
Make sure streets and homes are well lighted.

➢ **Take advantages of safety in numbers.**
Hold rallies, marches and other group activities to show you're determined to drive out crime and drugs.

➢ **Clean up the neighborhood!**
Involve everyone. Graffiti, litter, abandoned cars, and run-down buildings tell criminals that you don't care about your neighborhood.

# 9-1-1

## Know When to Call

Before dialing 9-1-1, ask yourself the following questions:

➢ **Is this an emergency?**
➢ **Is it occurring right now?**
➢ **Is life, or property at risk?**
➢ **Is immediate response necessary?**

If the answer is **"YES"** to these questions, then it is a good idea to dial **9-1-1** immediately. However, if the answer is **"NO,"** you may call the non-emergency number, 801-497-8300

When you do call for help, please be prepared to answer questions that you may not find relevant to the situation. Remember dispatchers are trained to know what information is important for responding personnel to know.

**Layton City**
**Police – Fire – EMS**
**801-497-8300**

# Home Security Checklist

❑ All doors are locked at night and every time you leave the house

❑ Exterior doors are solid wood or metal clad with reinforced glass

❑ Entryway doors have wide angle peepholes and deadbolts

❑ Spare keys are kept with trusted neighbors, not under a mat or in the mailbox

❑ Garage doors are always closed

❑ Door leading from the garage to the house is always locked

❑ Windows are always locked

❑ Shrubs and bushes are always trimmed, not allowing a place to hide

❑ No dark areas around the house, garage or yard at night

❑ Every outside door has a working, bright light to illuminate visitors

❑ Your home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.