



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Get to know your neighbours and all those residing in your street. They will be your partners in watching the activities in your block.

Organize a Street Watch composed of neighbours as members. Be concerned and cooperate in watching activities on the block and reporting unusual or suspicious behaviour to the police and the Street Watch Officer.

Exchange names, home and work telephone numbers among members. Prepare diagram of the block or neighbourhood where you belong for easy identification of households in case an emergency or crime incident occurs. The diagram should contain the house number, telephone numbers and occupants' names. The emergency and police department telephone numbers should be included in the diagram.

Look after your neighbour's house when he is away and ask him to look after yours. This includes collecting your mail, newspapers and other deliveries which would indicate at a glance that no one is home.

WAYS TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

- Organize and/or join a neighborhood program in which you and your neighbors get together to learn how to protect yourselves, your family, your home and your property.
- Working together, you can get the criminals off your block and out of your area.
- Stay in groups. There's safety in numbers and power through working with a group. You'll get to know your neighbors better, and working with them you can reduce crime, develop a more united community, provide an avenue of communications between police and community, establish on-going crime prevention techniques.
- All you have to do is contact your neighbours and arrange a date, place and time for the first meeting. Hold the meetings at your home or that of a neighbour.
- Try to plan a time that is convenient to most of your neighbours - preferably in the evening. Then, call your local police department.



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·Store emergency contact numbers in your phone and label them clearly to allow fast dialling in an emergency.

·It is your right to see the identification cards of official who claim to be from government, municipal officials or even SAPS members. Even if they are in uniform ask to see their identity documents/cards and insist on this. If they fail to comply ask them to leave your premises immediately and report the matter to the SAPS.

·If you come home and find a door or window open or signs of forced entry, don't go into the house. Call the police immediately.

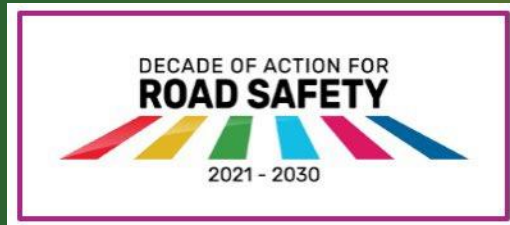


IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Contact your local police station or phone:

SAPS Emergency Line **10111**
 08600 10111
Departmental Call Centre: **0800 204 992**

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SAFETY TIPS

- Lock all doors and close windows when leaving your home unattended (even if you leave for only a short while)
- Do not hide keys under the door mat, in flower pots or any other place where the keys could be found by criminals
- Ensure that your windows have burglar guards to prevent access for criminals.
- Do not leave notes outside your house announcing your absence from the house.
- Leave a radio on and a light on at night to give an "at home" appearance. Don't leave an outside lamp burning through the day as this is a clear sign that no one is home.

- Cancel all deliveries (such as newspapers) while you are away. If this is not possible ask a trusted neighbour to collect these deliveries.
- Change the locks on your doors if your keys have been stolen or lost
- Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your house while you are away.
- Ensure your house number is clearly marked on your fence, wall or gate so that it can be easily identified by any emergency service or law enforcement personnel.