Neighborhood Watch is a citizens’ organization devoted to preventing crime and vandalism within neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch groups are trained by the Crime Prevention Unit to cooperate with the Winston-Salem Police Department and help deter crime without directly intervening with criminals. Neighborhood Watch members stay alert to unusual activity and contact the authorities.

For more information on starting a Neighborhood Watch organization in your neighborhood, call the Crime Prevention Unit at (336) 773-7835 or visit our Web site at www.wspd.org.

**CONTACT NUMBERS**

- Emergency 911
- Non Emergency 773-7700
- Crime Stoppers 727-2800
- Spanish Line 728-3904
- Crime Prevention 773-7835
- Evidence Management 773-7892
- False Alarm Reduction Unit 773-7886
- Field Services Bureau 773-7800
- Investigative Service Bureau 773-7716
- Police Administration 773-7760
- Professional Standards Division 773-7765
- Records Division 773-7922
- Recruiting 773-7925
- Special Events Applications 773-7830
- Support Services Bureau 773-7780
- Telcom – Reports by telephone 773-7710
- Victims Assistance 773-7860

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WHAT IS CRIME PREVENTION?

Crime Prevention is any action that reduces the likelihood that a crime can occur. Crimes are committed when someone has the desire, ability and opportunity to commit the crime. There is very little we can do to eliminate the desire or ability of a criminal to commit a crime, but we can work to eliminate the opportunity. Crime prevention can be as simple as locking your car or leaving a light on so your house looks occupied while you are away.

• Crime prevention is one of the most important tools in fighting crime.
• Crime prevention is the responsibility of the whole community, not just the police.
• Crime prevention creates a safer and more secure community by developing partnerships between the community and police.
• Crime prevention takes commitment.

Be aware of your surroundings and mindful of your personal safety and security. It only takes a moment for a dishonest person to seize an opportunity presented to them.

THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit conducts crime prevention and community relations activities for the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Specific duties include:

• Holding public education programs on crime prevention
• Assisting the organization of neighborhood watch groups
• Conducting residential and business security inspections
• Organizing various youth programs to educate youth in crime prevention
• Conducting other activities to promote citizen cooperation in reducing and preventing crime in the city.

For more information about the Community Resources Unit and for crime prevention tips, visit www.wspd.org. To schedule a crime prevention presentation for your group or organization, call (336) 773-7835.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

• Aggressive Driving
• Bullying
• Commercial and Residential Security Surveys
• Computer/Internet Safety
• Conflict Resolution
• Drug Prevention and Recognition
• Fingerprinting
• Gun Safety
• Identity Theft
• Neighborhood Watch
• Officer Friendly
• Personal Safety
• Public Safety Center Tours
• Senior Safety
• Stranger Danger
• Workplace Violence
• Youth and the Law