

## Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program instituted nationwide in attempts to reduce crime in cities by citizen and merchant involvement.

The goal of Neighborhood Watch is to prevent and deter crime in Pembroke Pines. We want our growing population to enjoy a safe and secure community.

Neighborhood Watch will only work if we, the citizens and merchants, make it work. There are three things that we need to make your goal a reality... the **interest**, **support** and **active participation** of your community in the Neighborhood Watch program.

One of the crucial functions of law enforcement involves keeping the people informed as to what is happening in their community so that they may feel more secure. At the same time we, the residents, have to band together and work with the police to deter crime.

*We need your help to be the  
"eyes and ears"  
of your neighborhood.*



### Some benefits of having Neighborhood Watch...

- Reduces risk of being a crime victim
- Readily recognize suspicious activity
- Home security protection
- Sense of Community
- Being informed about crime

**Our police department recognizes the role that the community can play in law enforcement and keeping our city safe.**

## The Community Affairs Unit

The Community Affairs Unit offers to all residents and businesses, a variety of ways to learn more about protecting your home from burglaries.

### - FREE security surveys for your home or office

*We will come out to you and demonstrate ways to better enhance your safety at all times*

### - FREE safety presentations to Homeowners Associations on assorted safety topics

### - FREE homeowners meetings

*A certified Crime Prevention Practitioner will attend your community meeting and discuss what has been happening in your area and what your neighborhood can do to prevent further burglaries.*

To schedule an appointment, call  
954-436-3274 or 954-435-6538

For Emergencies...

**CALL 911**

(crimes in progress or suspicious incidents or activity)

For Non-Emergencies, call...

**954-GET-HELP**  
954-438-4357

For incidents that occurred in the past you can also email us at...

**TIPS@ppines.com**

**www.ppines.com**



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**Residential  
Burglary  
Prevention  
&  
Safety Tips**



**954-GET-HELP**



## Police Chief's message to homeowners...

Among the various crime prevention and investigative initiatives of the Pembroke Pines Police Department, we have prioritized our efforts towards the prevention of residential burglaries. Through a series of investigative techniques combined with advanced technology, and a redeployment of officers, we have significantly impacted a crime trend that has disrupted every community in South Florida for far too long. We recently joined forces with neighboring Law Enforcement Agencies, creating a regional Burglary Suppression Task Force. The task force, which is comprised of Burglary Suppression Detectives, works hand in hand exchanging information between law enforcement agencies within the region and saturating our neighborhoods with police officers to prevent incidents from occurring by apprehending burglars.

Our officers are working diligently to keep our community safe, but we need your help! Our number one crime fighting tools are the partnerships we share with the community. It is very important that if something or someone looks suspicious or out of place, that you pick up the phone and dial 911. You can always remain anonymous if you wish, but the information you provide allows for police officers to respond to investigate, and potentially prevent a crime from occurring.

Please be alert of what is happening in your neighborhood at all times. With your help, we can keep our community even safer.

Sincerely,

Dan Giustino,  
Chief of Police



## Tips on Home Burglary Prevention

- **Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened**

*An open door or window is an open invitation to burglars. Reinforce any weak door locks with deadbolts and strike plates. All windows should have window locks. Hurricane impact windows are the hardest windows and doors to penetrate and rated #1 for safety.*

- **Secure sliding glass doors**

*Place a metal rod or a piece of wood in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.*

- **Keep your garage doors shut and the connecting doors inside the garage locked**

*Don't rely on your automatic garage door openers for security.*

- **Never leave keys under flower pots, doormats, or in other "secret" hiding places**

*Burglars know them all and look there first to make it easier for themselves.*

- **Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and televisions**

*Making your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.*

- **Never leave clues that you are on a trip**

*Do not post on social media your home address or that you are out of town. Have a trusted neighbor collect your mail and newspapers while you're away so that delivered items do not accumulate. You can also ask your neighbor to park in your driveway and arrange to have the lawn cut while you are gone.*

- **Keep some shades and blinds open**

*This will maintain a normal everyday appearance of your home.*

- **Never leave a message on your voice or email advising that you are away**

*A message will alert burglars that your home is unsecured.*

- **If someone knocks on your door, let them know you are home.**

*Don't open the door to strangers.*

- **Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways**

*Large bushes provide hiding places for those who only need a minute to break into a home.*

- **Contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department Community Affairs Unit to help guide you on organizing a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program for your neighborhood**

*An alert community is a safe community. Neighborhood Watch has one goal – To Prevent Crime!!!*

## Some simple, inexpensive "DIY" ways to make your home, apartment, condo or townhouse safer...

- **Use quality locks on doors and windows**

- **Install extra lighting for the outside of your home**

- **Install an alarm system and sensors**

- **Reinforce front doors and sliding doors with security bars**

- **Install security cameras outside and inside your home**

- **Place signs outside around the yard where visitors can see them**

Most of these items can be installed by you and can be found at your local hardware company.



If you think someone is trying to break into your home while you are there...

# CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

*Don't wait till its too late!*