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*"Knowing your neighbour is a simple and effective way to identify strangers and deter crime!"*

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## Tips to minimize opportunity

Make an effort to know your neighbours!

If you go away, minimize an obvious invitation for crime. Ask your neighbour to close your garage, and remove uncollected flyers, papers and mail.

Before you go away leave information on how you can be reached, how long you will be away, and anybody permitted at your home during your absence; as well as a spare key with a trusted neighbour.

Make your property less inviting through:

- Bright or motion sensor lights.
- Secure doors and windows even when absent for a few minutes or preoccupied within your home.
- Lock car doors and do not leave valuables in your vehicle or in plain view.

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*"Neighbourhood Watch creates a peace of mind when you are away from home, out in your garden, or busy doing tasks inside your home."*

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**Join Neighbourhood Watch**  
**Your Home, Your Community**  
**Keep it safe!**

Mount Pearl  
**Neighbourhood Watch**



## GET INVOLVED!

### Contact

**Mount Pearl Municipal Enforcement  
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator**

748-1082

[neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca)

[www.mountpearl.ca](http://www.mountpearl.ca)

or

**Royal Newfoundland Constabulary**

Community Service Detachment  
729-8624

Northeast Avalon East  
729-8672

Northeast Avalon West  
729-8625

**EMERGENCY  
911**

**RNC Non-Emergency 729-8000**



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# Mount Pearl Neighbourhood Watch



## What Is Neighbourhood Watch?

It's a community based crime prevention program to reduce and deter crime and encourage strong neighbourhood relationships.

It involves neighbours working together by watching out for each other's property and alerting police of suspicious activity.

It teaches residents to secure their property, be aware of their surroundings, communicate with their neighbours, and help combat crime before it happens.

## How Does It Work?

The program works through mutual aid...neighbours watching out for neighbours. Neighbours know who you are, what type of car you own, and may be the first to notice a burglar at your window or door.

By taking an active role in both security improvement and observation, members of Neighbourhood Watch learn how to be alert to suspicious activity in their neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Watch members learn how to respond appropriately to potential threats and can also remain anonymous when contacting police.

## How Do I Get Involved In Neighbourhood Watch?

**Block Captain:** You can start a Neighbourhood Watch program in your neighbourhood or your street by becoming a Block Captain. The City's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator will assist you in developing a Neighbourhood Watch program and provide start up resources and guidelines.

**Watch Member:** If there is an existing Neighbourhood Watch in your area, you can become a Watch Member. You will become connected with your Block Captain who will welcome you to your new program and provide important resources and educational tips.

**Simply contact** the City's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator at 748-1082 or [neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@mountpearl.ca).

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*"A strong sense of community  
and unity among neighbours  
and local police  
is the most effective  
way to combat crime."*

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## Neighbourhood Watch

- Does NOT require a great deal of time from its members.
- Does NOT require you to patrol your neighbourhood.
- Does NOT ask you to take on the role of the police or chase suspected criminals.
- Does NOT involve being nosy neighbours or invade personal privacy.
- DOES WORK!

## Safety Tips

Following these tips will provide a good start!

### Watch for suspicious activity

- Unknown people or vehicles in your neighbourhood.
- Vehicles passing by numerous times.
- The person taking a "short cut" through a backyard.
- Unauthorized door-to-door canvassing.
- Loitering around a business that is closed.
- Person looking into car windows or checking door handles.
- Person entering a side yard.
- Person running...are they carrying anything? Do they have a backpack?
- Person exhibiting mental or physical impairment.
- Loud arguments or fighting in the street.

### If you see something suspicious

- Get make, model, colour and licence # of strange vehicles.
- Write down clothing and physical descriptions of suspicious persons.
- Note the direction of travel.
- CALL POLICE IMMEDIATELY...don't assume someone else has called.