Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer, organized effort by concerned citizens to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. In cooperation with the police department, neighbors work to safeguard each other's homes and reduce the risk of crime in their community. Watch groups are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. They help build pride and serve as a springboard for efforts to address community concerns from beautification to issues of crime.

- You take a part in addressing problems and concerns in your neighborhood.
- You assist in helping reduce crime in your neighborhood, making you and your family safer. Although a Neighborhood Watch is not a guarantee in reducing crime, studies have shown that Neighborhood Watches reduce crime by 16%.
- To instill community spirit and camaraderie through a safer neighborhood.

Any community resident can join who is 18 and older and owns or rents a residence in Prince William County.

Participants learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other, as well as the neighborhood and report suspicious activity to the Police Department.

You can form a Neighborhood Watch group around any geographical unit: street, apartment building, etc.

Neighborhood Watch is an effective and inexpensive way to prevent crime and reduce fear. It fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon.

Select a coordinator (point of contact for the watch) and contact the Crime Prevention Unit. For more information about the program click here.