

- Removing accessories, license plates or gas from a car
- Forcing entrance to or tampering with a residence, business or vehicle
- Running if inappropriately dressed, especially if carrying something of value
- Someone carrying property, if it's at an unusual hour or in an unusual place
- Exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms
- Tampering with electrical, gas, or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle or uniform
- A 'delivery man' with an alleged wrong address, or asking if someone else lives there
- Multiple persons who appear to be working in unison and exhibiting suspicious behaviors
- A high volume of traffic coming and going from a home on a regular basis
- A stranger entering your neighbor's home when it is unoccupied

Sounds:

- Gun shots
- Abnormally barking dogs
- Breaking glass
- Sounds of fighting
- Loud explosion
- Shouting for help

Other Observations:

- Open or broken doors and/or windows at a neighbor's home
- Someone being forced into a vehicle
- Strange odors coming from a house, building or vehicle
- Signs of forced entry or tampering with security or safety systems

While some, if not all, of the aforementioned suspicious situations described could have innocent explanations, police officials would rather investigate a potential criminal situation than be called when it is too late to prevent it. Your call could save a life, prevent injury or stop a criminal act.

Online Resources:

Prescott Valley Police Department

Sign Up for Alerts at www.nixle.com

Website: <http://www.pvaz.net/512/Police-Services>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PrescottValleyPD/>

Yavapai County Sherriff's Office

Sign Up for Code Red Emergency Alerts (and also find emergency preparedness info): <http://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/Emergency-Preparedness/Emergency-Notification-System>

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office crime prevention info: <http://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/Crime-Prevention>

Emergency Information Websites

Yavapai County Emergency Management Regional Alert Information: <http://www.regionalinfo-alert.org/>

Yavapai County Emergency Management Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YCOEM/>

Yavapai County Sherriff's Office Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCountySheriff/>

Yavapai County Sherriff's Office Twitter: <https://twitter.com/YavapaiSheriff>

Start or Join a Block Watch in Your Neighborhood!

**Prescott Valley
BLOCK WATCH**

"Watching Out for One Another"



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What is Block Watch?

Block Watch is a group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together along with local law enforcement to reduce crime, strengthen safety measures and enhance their quality of life. Block Watch has proven to be one of the most effective crime prevention programs available.

What are the Benefits of Block Watch?

There are numerous benefits of a successful Block Watch program:

- Reducing crime
- Better quality of life
- Greater sense of security, responsibility and personal control
- Preparing for helping others as well as ourselves
- Providing law enforcement agencies with extra “eyes and ears” and volunteer support
- Developing community unity and a ‘*Watching out for each other*’ spirit

Steps to Building a Successful Block Watch

A motivated individual, a few concerned residents or a community organization can spearhead the efforts to establish a Block Watch. Building a strong Block Watch program is not an overnight process; it takes planning and dedication. A successful program will keep a community strong and when a crime or disaster occurs, the community will be better prepared.

1. Create a plan: Form a planning team, talk with neighbors, discuss crime and safety

concerns, define goals, priorities and action items.

2. Contact the Prescott Valley Police: Meet with the Police about your plan, they can help guide you through the process.
3. Plan a Block Watch meeting for your neighbors: Publicize the meeting well in advance and invite the Prescott Valley Police. Block Watch policy requires at least one meeting per year (National Night Out qualifies as a meeting), but many Block Watch groups meet more frequently. Ensure meeting topics are interesting and relevant.
4. Define your Block Watch area: Keep it simple and don’t take on an area that’s too big to handle. Define your group’s geographical boundaries.
5. Establish leadership: Volunteers are the cornerstone of any successful Block Watch program. One or two people can’t do it all. A good Block Watch volunteer team should have:
 - Block Watch Coordinator to help lead the group and be the law enforcement point of contact
 - Block Captains to represent areas or ‘blocks’ within the neighborhood (for smaller Block Watch groups, a Coordinator could also serve as a Captain for his/her block)
 - Block Watch Members to watch out for each other and be the ‘eyes and ears’ of the neighborhood
6. Create a communication plan: Maintain a Block Watch member contact list (name, address, phone numbers, email)

Report suspicious activity to the Prescott Valley Police

For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies call 928-772-9267. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police department, fire department or an ambulance. If

you’re not sure if a situation is an emergency, call 911.

Information most often needed by the police:

What happened? When? Where? Is anyone injured? Vehicle license number and description? Direction of travel? Description of persons?

What is Suspicious Activity?

Basically, anything that seems even slightly ‘out of place’ or that is occurring at an unusual time of day or place could be criminal activity. Some things to watch out for:

Vehicles(s):

- Leaving an area at high speed
- Parked in suspicious locations
- Moving slowly especially without lights or following a course that appears aimless or repetitive
- Parked while occupied by one or more persons at an unusual hour
- Being loaded with valuables if parked in front of an unattended residence, even if the vehicle appears to be a legitimate commercial vehicle
- Apparent business transactions being conducted from a vehicle

Person(s):

- Watching a home or neighborhood
- Climbing fences, walls, etc.
- Knocking at a door then walking around the premises
- Loitering or prowling
- Going from vehicle to vehicle on the street or in a parking facility
- Looking in the windows of houses or parked cars
- Taking property out of houses where no one is home