



# BLOCK WATCH

Be Safe...Live Safe



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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## JOIN BLOCK WATCH

There are many crime prevention programs that can help keep you safe, but none reduce crime in your neighbourhood more than Block Watch.

This program of neighbours watching out for neighbours often contributes to dramatic drops in crime rates. Some neighbourhoods have seen crime drop by as much as 42 per cent after they started their Block Watch program. Vancouver Police Department crime statistics confirm that the more than 600 Block Watch neighbourhoods in our city have lower crime.

FIND OUT MORE AT  
[vpd.ca](http://vpd.ca).



*Block Watch Captain Stephen Holmes and participant Rob Riley sprang into action when a fraudster knocked on their doors.*

## CONTACT US

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**KERRISDALE OAKRIDGE MARPOLE CPC**  
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**WEST END - COAL HARBOUR CPC**  
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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Block Watch works on the oldest principles of community safety in the world: neighbours watching out for neighbours.

With the help of the VPD, residents form a communication chain among neighbours to share crime prevention information, crime alerts, and to report suspicious activity.

When neighbours work together, they can reduce crime in their area before it starts.

**CLICK ON BLOCK WATCH  
TO SIGN UP NOW AT  
[vpd.ca](http://vpd.ca).**



*Block Watch Captain Vicki Morell, with her sidekick Cooper, knows if it looks suspicious, it probably is.*

## GETTING STARTED

With as few as two people from different households, you can bring Block Watch to your street or building. The VPD will screen and train the captain and co-captain.

Once neighbours gather to learn more, they will be given Block Watch signs for the neighbourhood and decals for their doors and windows. They will also receive weekly crime stats, crime prevention tips, and be connected with the VPD Neighbourhood Crime Alert Service. Members also have direct access to the Block Watch police officer for support and guidance in dealing with crime in their neighborhood.

Learn more about getting started at [vpd.ca](http://vpd.ca).

### **BLOCK WATCH NEIGHBOURS PROTECT EACH OTHER BY CALLING 9-1-1 WHEN THEY SEE:**

- unfamiliar persons loitering in their neighbourhood
- slow-moving vehicles circling the block
- unfamiliar/occupied parked vehicles
- persons looking into parked cars
- persons going door-to-door (particularly back doors)
- any suspicious behaviour or activity that draws attention
- or when they hear unusual noises such as screaming, breaking glass or barking dogs

## VPD BLOCK WATCH RECOMMENDS

For better protecting your home, VPD Block Watch recommends:

- installing higher quality (Grade 2 or better) deadbolts for all exterior doors, including garage
- using heavy-duty strike plates with 3-inch wood screws on ALL exterior doors
- leaving your front and back lights on at night
- ALWAYS making your house look and sound like someone is home



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