



Crime Prevention Strategies



Austin Police Department
Office of Community Liaison

Neighborhood Watch

- ◆ **Self-help community program to reduce crime and the opportunity for crime.**
- **Educates participants in the principles of deterrence, delay, and detection.**
- ◆ **Designed to supplement police activities by providing extra eyes, ears and vigilance.**

Neighborhood Watch Goals

- Increase citizen ***awareness*** of crime problems and their impact on the community.
- Maintain a cooperative system of ***surveillance*** over property and people.
- ◆ Encourage accurate and prompt ***reporting*** of crimes or suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

Personal Safety Tips

- **Be aware of what is happening around you.**
- **You have to see danger to avoid it.**
- **Trust your instincts-if something feels wrong to you, then it is wrong.**
- **Don't be too trusting. It is easy to get complacent (most people are friendly) but be careful. A little paranoia can be a good thing.**
- **Listen - If you hear someone approaching you from behind, look around.**

APD SERVICES

- Residential Surveys for security and home owner's insurance premium reduction.
- Operation ID to permanently mark your valuables.
- Resource Information to direct you to city agencies for assistance.
- **Help End Auto Theft** registration to protect your vehicles.



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National Night Out

- National Night Out is an annual event held on the first Tuesday of October.
- National Night Out is sponsored by the National Night Out Association of Town Watch. This past year's National Night Out campaigns involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, business, neighborhood organizations and local public officials from more than 9,000 communities from all 50 states.

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Austin Celebrates National Night Out



Safe Communities

- Citizens empowered.
- Fear of crime reduced.
- APD & Neighborhood Residents working together to address problems .