

What Is Realty Watch?

Realty Watch, a unique crime prevention program, is a cooperative effort between REALTORS® and police to prevent crime before it happens. National statistics show that most residential burglaries occur between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, which is the same period many REALTORS® are circulating within neighbourhoods.

Is It Similar To Neighbourhood Watch?

Realty Watch and Neighbourhood Watch are both crime prevention programs. The main difference is that Realty Watch is a mobile patrol watch system as opposed to neighbours watching each other's property.

Is Any Training Involved?

REALTORS® are provided with pamphlets from the police service's Community Services Unit. Through the use of the pamphlets and awareness sessions conducted by the REALTORS® Association of Hamilton-Burlington (RAHB), REALTORS® are made aware of what is suspicious, the information required by the police and the obvious and not so obvious things to watch for.

How Does It Work?

REALTORS® are in residential areas at all times of the day putting them in a position to notice suspicious activity while others may be away. Their participation in Realty Watch encourages them to increase their awareness and follow some simple procedures.

The REALTORS® are encouraged to write down details and telephone the police immediately if they suspect something illegal is happening. They are reminded not to become physically involved or risk their personal safety.

REALTORS® are also encouraged to make their vendors and purchasers aware of the Realty Watch Program and to assist them to become better informed about home security.

What To Be On The Lookout For

Street Crimes: Assault, muggings, robberies, burglaries, vandalism.

Suspicious Acts: Screams for help, disorderly crowds, person trying car doors, etc.

Fires: House or other structure fires, car fires, garbage or trash bin fires.

Accidents: Vehicle collisions, accident general (slips, falls, bicyclists).

Other Occurrences: Faulty traffic signals, street lights out, flooded streets, power lines down, etc.

Be Prepared to Provide

The service required: **Police, Fire Department, or Ambulance.**

A brief description of the problem.

Location: Be as specific as possible; use house numbers, cross streets, and landmarks.

If describing a person or a vehicle, give as much detailed information as possible.

When asked about caller details, please identify yourself as a REALTOR® associated with Realty Watch.

FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

CALL 9-1-1

HOMICIDE

ASSAULT

ROBBERY

BURGLARY

GUN SHOTS

ODOR OF GAS

DOWNED WIRES

PURSE SNATCHING

FIRE OR EXPLOSION

SERIOUS INJURY

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

ACTS OF VANDALISM

POLICE OFFICER IN TROUBLE

PERSON WITH A WEAPON

SERIOUS VEHICLE ACCIDENT

IMPAIRED DRIVING

DESCRIBING A VEHICLE

When describing a vehicle, attempt to supply as much information as possible that could help the officers to distinguish this vehicle from many others.

Look for the following:

1. Licence Numbers: most important.
2. Colour(s): two-tone, three-tone, etc.
3. Body Style: 2 door, 4 door, pickup, etc.
4. **Make: Chevrolet, Ford, Oldsmobile, Plymouth.**
5. Year: (if not known, new or old)
6. Any outstanding features: damage, rust, clean, dirty, CB antenna, stickers, decals etc.

DESCRIBING A PERSON

When describing a person, you are attempting to distinguish this person from all others. Please try to recall the following:

1. Race: white or black, Spanish, etc.
2. Sex: male, female.
3. Age: 18 to 20 yrs., 30 to 40 years, etc.
4. Clothing: type, color, hat, coat, shirt, pants, shoes, etc.
5. Height: 5'8" to 5'10", etc.
6. Weight: 140 to 150 lbs., etc.
7. Hair: Color, style, length, beard, mustache, sideburns, etc.
8. Build: heavy, thin, large, petite, etc.
9. Other: scars, tattoos, moles, glasses, etc.

The REALTORS® Association of Hamilton-Burlington (RAHB) is a non-profit organization representing 2000

REALTORS®. The members of the RAHB are committed to assisting the police in protecting the community in which they live and work.

In order to ensure the integrity of the membership, all RAHB members agree in writing to abide by the Bylaw of Association as well as the Canadian Real Estate Association and the Real Estate Council of Ontario's Code of Ethics.

Crime Reporting Get Involved! It's a Way of Life



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