



# BUSINESS WATCH

## INCIDENT REPORTING AND INFORMATION GATHERING

The philosophy of Business Watch is a simple one – to take control of what happens in your business community and reduce the opportunity for crime to occur.

The aim of Business Watch is to establish links among neighbouring small businesses and actively reduce and prevent crime through cooperation and education.

Follow these simple steps:

- Promote the sharing of information and communication among neighbouring businesses. Develop a communication network through social media or email to quickly disseminate information.
- **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING.** Take the time to take down a few notes to assist with the re-telling of the story in case it later needs to be reported to police. Whether its information or an incident we should all take notes as soon as possible. You can share your information by

calling, emailing or submitting an online report to any of the addresses or number below.

- All incidents should be reported as this may help Police understand what is happening in your store. Your information will help with the detection, apprehension and prosecution of an offender. Recording all incidents in your store can also identify areas for security improvement.
- Robbery prevention - Encourage crime-proofing of property.
- Burglary prevention – Adding security measures to impede criminal activity and detect criminal activity
- Develop signals to activate in adjacent businesses when someone needs help.

When you start a Business Watch program within your shopping centre you take an important step toward a safer environment for yourself, your employees, your customers—and your community as a whole.

For more contact Neighbourhood Watch State Office  
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*This factsheet contains general guidelines for increasing security of your business and/or workplace.  
No responsibility is accepted for any damage, injury or loss resulting from application of these guidelines.*

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