



# CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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## 10 Things You and Your Neighbors Can Do

1. The MOST important thing you can do is call the police to report a crime or any suspicious activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. REMEMBER: You can always remain anonymous.
2. Remember the 3 L's of crime prevention: *LIGHT* up your residence, *LOCK* your doors and call the *LAW* when you see something suspicious.
3. Work with your police department and other neighbor-based or community-wide organizations on solving common problems. Be honest about the needs of your community.
4. Help organize things in the community for young residents to take part. For example, cutting grass for elderly neighbors, tutoring fellow classmates, organizing community volunteer opportunities.
5. Take advantage of "safety in numbers." Establishing leisurely walking groups to show community solidarity, and establish relationships with other residents and homeowners in the neighborhood.
6. Assemble community groups to clean up the neighborhood. Engage everyone, from children to teens to senior citizens. Graffiti, litter, abandoned cars and rundown buildings suggest to criminals that you don't care about or pay attention to your community. Contact the zone Crime Prevention Officers who can assist you in contacting Public Works to help community clean-up efforts.
7. Consult with your Crime Prevention Officers or local officials about any new ways to help deter crime in your neighborhood. Some examples are enforcing noise ordinances, housing codes, health and fire codes, anti-nuisance laws and establishing community drug-free zones.
8. Help ensure that criminals are punished. Form a court watch to help support victims and witnesses, and to see that criminals who have violated your community are fairly punished.
9. Work with schools to help establish drug-free and gun-free zones, and work with recreation officials to establish the same guidelines for neighborhood parks.
10. Work with the faith-based organization in the community to help in setting up counseling, job training, mentoring, spiritual guidance and any other services that neighbors may need. These types of community-based services assist in the building and maintaining of a viable communities in which to work, live, play and pray.

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