

### **How to Protect Yourself and Property**

Obtain proper locks on doors and windows.

Always lock your doors even if you are only leaving for a short amount of time.

Make sure there is sufficient lighting in and outside of your home (utilize timers).

Secure doors and out buildings.

Obtain an alarm system or ensure that the one you have is in working order.

Stop the delivery of mail or have a neighbor pick it up if you go away for any length of time.

If you are away for any substantial amount of time contact the BPD to coordinate a vacant property check.

Always lock your vehicles.

Do not leave valuables in plain sight.

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Take pictures of your valuables.

Record your serial numbers.

Appraise your jewelry.

If applicable download any security features that would allow you to track a stolen device (iPad, iPhone, computers, etc.).

### **Benefits of a Neighborhood Watch Program**

Neighbors get to know one another.

It helps in the detection and prevention of crime.

Residents will feel safer.

It strengthens police and community relations.

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### **Important Numbers to Remember**

Bedford Police and Fire Departments

Police non-emergency: **(603) 472-5113**

Fire non-emergency: **(603) 472-5113**

Emergencies: **Dial 911**

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The Bedford Police  
Department's  
Community Policing Division  
  
Neighborhood Watch  
Program



The Neighborhood Watch  
Citizens Information  
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### **What is a Neighborhood Watch**

A Neighborhood Watch is a group of residents within a specified area that work together with the Bedford Police Department in the detection and prevention of crime.

The group will be given guidance by members of the Bedford Police Department's Community Policing Division but will operate as their own entity.

The group will act as extra eyes and ears for the Bedford Police Department.

*\*Please remember that those involved in the Neighborhood Watch Groups are not entitled to enforce the law or take the law into their own hands. If you observe any type of suspicious activity notify the Bedford Police Department.*

### **How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Group**

Meet with your neighbors to share concerns about crime and other issues in your neighborhood.

Define the area that will participate in the Neighborhood Watch Group.

Involve everyone, i.e. homeowners, renters, businesses, young and old.

Select a point of contact for the group. This person will also be the point of contact with the Bedford Police Department if anyone from the group has questions pertaining to its operation.

Inform the Bedford Police Department's Community Policing Division that you plan to form a watch group.

Organize a meeting in a location of your choice and encourage everyone to attend. A member of the Bedford Police Department's Community Policing Division will be available to attend the meeting and provide advice and crime prevention information.

If you need assistance in forming a group, please contact Officer Amy Champagne or Officer Brian Fleming.

### **What to Watch for and How to Report It**

Report suspicious activity of any kind no matter how insignificant it may seem. When it comes to your neighborhood, knowing your neighbors, their habits and their household composition it makes it easier to recognize if something is wrong or out of place. For example,

Suspicious vehicles

Suspicious people

- Be familiar with who or what belongs and who or what does not.

Obtain descriptions of anyone, clothes, approximate height and weight, direction of travel, etc.

Obtain descriptions of any vehicles, the make model, color, plate number and direction of travel.

*\*Please remember only to obtain these things if it is safe to do so.*