

Watch Group Neighbor Responsibilities

1. Report all emergencies of suspicious activities to **9-1-1** immediately; report non-emergencies to SLPD: (208) 623-2701.
2. Call your Neighborhood Watch Captain after you have reported to law enforcement when you:
 - a) *Have been burglarized, or*
 - b) *Noticed any suspicious activity.*
3. Welcome new neighbors and invite them to join the Neighborhood Watch.
4. Periodically look out the window and respond to any suspicious activity, strangers or noise by doing #1 above.
5. Take your turn as Neighborhood Watch Captain or Co-Captain. You can also volunteer to host one of your periodic meetings.

What is Considered "Suspicious"?

- ◆ A stranger at your neighbor's house when no one is home
- ◆ Strange noises like yelling or breaking glass
- ◆ Anyone coming to your door to sell items or services, especially at "low prices"
- ◆ Anyone you don't recognize removing items from a neighboring vehicle or house
- ◆ Vehicles driving slowly through the area
- ◆ Anyone loitering in the area you do not recognize

Are **YOU** interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch?

Contact the Spirit Lake Police Department for more information AND/OR mail or drop off this brochure with the information below completed.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Phone: _____

Alt. Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

I am interested in joining an existing Watch Group in my neighborhood.

I am interested in becoming a Watch Leader in my neighborhood.

Submit Application to:

SPIRIT LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

6159 W Maine Street

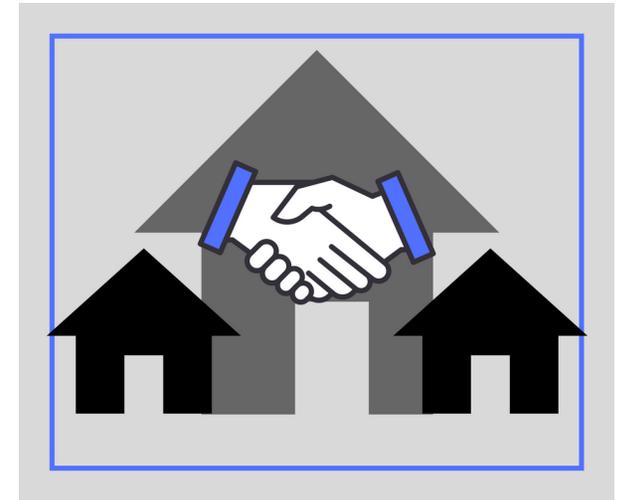
PO Box 1018

SPIRIT LAKE, ID 83869

Phone: (208) 623-2701

Email: info@spiritlekepolice.org

www.spiritlekepolice.org



THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY

HELP PROTECT IT!



Why Call The Police?

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood watch is a network of neighbors who serve effectively as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement agencies in their communities.

Neighborhood watch works effectively at the block level because neighbors can see and hear activity take place within their community.

Neighbors are able to let each other know when they will be away from their residence for any period of time. Neighbors can make sure upkeep is done on the residence so it does not appear vacant. They will also be able to report any vehicles or persons at the residence that are not authorized to be there.

Why Neighborhood Watch?

- ◆ Community involvement is crucial to improving neighborhood safety.
- ◆ By cooperating with each other and law enforcement, people can fight crime in their communities in the most effective way— preventatively, before it begins.
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch encourages neighbors to organize themselves to increase concern and communication.

Law enforcement agencies cannot function effectively without assistance from the public. We rely on you to call whenever suspicious activity is observed.

Some people fail to call law enforcement because they are unaware of what suspicious activity entails, or they don't want to be the "nosey" neighbor. They may be afraid that it will be nothing and don't want to bother the police.

The Spirit Lake Police Department asks you to call law enforcement immediately if you see what appears to be suspicious activity. Don't be worried that you are bothering us— it's our job! We would rather it be nothing, than wonder why you didn't call

Information the Dispatcher Will Need

1. What is the address of the emergency?
2. What is a good telephone number for you?
3. What is going on?
4. When did this occur?
5. Does anyone need medical attention?
6. Did you get a vehicle description/plate #?
7. What direction did the vehicle leave?
8. What is a good description of the suspicious person? (clothing, male vs female, height, weight, hair color, noticeable tattoos, etc.)
9. Were there any weapons observed?
10. Your personal information

When to Use **9-1-1** vs. the Non-Emergency Number **(208) 623-2701**

An appropriate time to call 9-1-1

- ◆ *Structure Fire*
- ◆ *A Medical Emergency*
- ◆ *You witness a crime, or possible crime, in progress. **Example** There is a suspicious vehicle at your neighbors house and your neighbor is currently out of town.*
- ◆ *Car accident*
- ◆ *Any threat to life and/or injury*
- ◆ *Any threat to property*

Non-emergency (208) 623-2701

- ◆ *Inquiring how long a road will be blocked from an accident*
- ◆ *Current weather conditions*
- ◆ *Loud noise or dog barking*
- ◆ *A power outage*
- ◆ *Burst water pipes*
- ◆ *Cold burglaries or thefts **Example** suspects have left the scene and there is no immediate threat*
- ◆ *Non-life threatening issues that occurred hours, days or weeks ago*