



# Start a Neighborhood Watch Group

## Types of Watch Groups

A **Neighborhood Watch** is an organized effort by concerned citizens to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. In cooperation with the Police Department, neighbors work to safeguard each other's homes and reduce the risk of crime in their community.

The **Lansing School Watch** sends volunteers into the neighborhoods surrounding Lansing schools to act as "eyes and ears" for the LPD. Their role is to add another layer or buffer of security to the school property and to act as an observation and reporting program to assist the Lansing School District and LPD.

A **Business Watch** is a free program that creates a partnership between the business community and the Lansing Police Department to reduce and prevent crime through shared communication and training. Business Watch shows owners and employees crime prevention techniques and strategies they can use to help cut down on business-related crime. Training is conducted in-house for your convenience. Training may also be conducted at City facilities if requested.

## Find or Start a Watch Group

If you don't know who your watch coordinator is, or you would like to start a new group, contact Lansing Police Department's Community Services Unit Officer, Kasha Osborn, at 517-483-6812, or at [lpdcusu@lansingmi.gov](mailto:lpdcusu@lansingmi.gov).

Also go to <http://www.lansingmi.gov/465/Neighborhood-Watch> for information and guides on watch groups, such as:

- [Neighborhood Watch Inquiry Form](#)
- [Neighborhood Watch Brochure](#)
- [Neighborhood Watch Start-up Packet](#)
- [Home Security Handout](#)
- [School Watch Flyer](#)
- [What is Business Watch](#)
- [Business Watch Brochure](#)
- [Business Watch Registration Form](#)