

For more information on starting your own Neighborhood Watch group, please contact:

City of South Gate Police Department  
Crime Prevention Hotline 323-563-5465 or  
you can send an email to

Crime Prevention Specilaist

Sean Palos at [spalos@sogate.org](mailto:spalos@sogate.org)



## Important Contact Numbers

Emergency	9-1-1
Dispatch (Non-emergency)	323-563-5436
Traffic Concerns	323-563-5493
Fire Station #54	323-567-8580
Fire Station #57	562-531-9700
Narcotics Hotline	888-746-2727
Code Enforcement	323-563-9598
South Gate City Hall	323-563-9500
Graffiti Removal	323-357-9657
Neighborhood Watch	323-563-5465
Illegal Dumping	323-563-9575
Animal Control	562-803-3301
Public Works	323-563-5790

# City of South Gate Police Department

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



*"Proudly dedicated to the highest level of police service, improving quality of life and providing a safe community."*

## What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a Crime Prevention Program that involves a group of residents living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working in conjunction with law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life.

### Benefits of a Neighborhood Watch

- A better quality of life
- Reduction in Crime
- A greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control
- Builds community pride and unity
- Allows residents to help others in the community as well as themselves
- Provides law enforcement with extra set of eyes and ears
- Provides basic skills to all members on preventing crime and reporting suspicious activity or crimes

## How do you start a Neighborhood Watch group?

- Residents interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group would need to contact the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at 323-563-5465
- SGPD will assist in starting the program by scheduling the first meeting in which the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and an officer will be present.
- The first meeting will consist of an introduction to Neighborhood Watch. Residents will have an opportunity to share concerns and ask questions regarding the program.
- After the first meeting, it will be up to the Block Captain and neighbors to schedule and coordinate future meetings. It is the responsibility of the individual neighborhood watch groups to keep the program active.
- If there is a specific topic residents would like to learn about or obtain more information on, the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator can provide resources and if possible, obtain a guest speaker.

## What should neighbors look and listen for:

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Someone looking into windows or parked cars
- Unusual noises
- Property being taken from houses where no one is at home, or from closed businesses
- Vehicles moving slowly with no apparent destination, or with no lights on
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars
- Any unusual activity in businesses, alleys, isolated areas, and notorious problem spots in your neighborhood
- Individuals jumping fences and walls into private property
- Locks, doors, and windows that have been tampered with