



Neighbourhood WATCH

Toolkit

Introduction to the Neighbourhood Watch Toolkit

This introduction gives you background information about:

- the structure of the toolkit;
- the contents of each module; and
- how to use the toolkit.

Welcome to the Neighbourhood Watch Toolkit

This package has been produced by the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) in consultation with Neighbourhood Watch volunteers.

This toolkit can be used by individuals to find out about all aspects of Neighbourhood Watch, which is also known as Home Watch in many areas. It is particularly aimed at anyone who is running or wishes to run a local Neighbourhood Watch group.

How does it work?

This toolkit has been designed to enable you to work through it on your own. It is very simple to use:

- 1 Work out what you need to know in order to perform your role in Neighbourhood Watch.
- 2 Refer to the appropriate modules.
- 3 Work through each module, including the practical activities.

Each neighbourhood is unique and has different needs and problems. This means, of course, that to meet the needs of every Neighbourhood Watch scheme, this toolkit needs to be flexible and adaptable.

You do not have to work through the modules in any particular order. If you wish, you can use only those modules that are of interest or importance to your scheme, as some topics may not be applicable to your neighbourhood.



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You may find it useful to return to this toolkit at regular intervals to remind yourself of its contents and to find out about any changes. The modules will be updated from time to time.

What is in the package?

The documents in this toolkit cover a very wide range of subjects relating to Neighbourhood Watch. The sixteen modules together provide information on two basic themes:

- administering a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- security in your community.

The final document has a list of contacts and sources of further information.

All the modules in the toolkit have been structured in a similar way to make them easy to use. Once you have found your way around one module, you will be able to find your way around all of them.

Throughout the documents you will see blue underlined links to websites ([like this](#)). If you are reading the document at a computer connected to the internet, you can click on the links to go directly to the website. The website address is also given so you can use the link from the printed page.

The module titles are listed below.

Administering a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Module 1: Introduction to Neighbourhood Watch

Module 2: Starting and maintaining a scheme

Module 3: Communication

Module 4: Making your meetings more effective

Module 5: Funding and sponsorship

Module 6: Producing publicity material

Module 7: Speaking to a group of people

Module 8: Writing a good newsletter



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Security in your community

Module 9: Community safety

Module 10: Personal safety

Module 11: Security of buildings and property

Module 12: Protecting your home from fire

Module 13: Vehicle security

Module 14: Anti-social behaviour

Module 15: Neighbourhood Policing

Module 16: Problem solving

Interactive modules

There are two interactive modules on Neighbourhood Watch on the Neighbourhood Watch website

(www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/neighbourhoodwatch):

- A short **quiz** on personal and community safety - test your knowledge and see how many you get right!
- An **introduction** to the Neighbourhood Watch movement and the benefits it can bring to your area, with guidance on how to set up a scheme.