WHY CREATE A SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP?

- You don’t feel safe
- You don’t know all your neighbors
- The streets in your neighborhood are dirty
- The streetlights don’t work
- You want to create a stronger community

GETTING STARTED

- Recruit a few friends on your block
- Contact SAFE to assist you
- Create a planning committee & meet with a SAFE representative

HOW IT WORKS

- Problem-solve with police and other agencies
- Create communication plan - phone, text, or email
- Create a neighborhood emergency preparedness plan
- Designate one Block Captain & two Block Co-Captains

WHAT DOES A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP DO?

Meet regularly at least 4 times a year
- Meetings
- Gatherings
- Block Parties
- Community Gardens

Invite guest speakers to meetings
- SFPD
- Mayor’s Office
- 911 Call Center
- District Supervisors

Take classes together
- NERT
- ALERT
- CPR/First Aid
- Self-Defense

Organize days to
- Reclaim walls covered with graffiti
- Clean up the local park
- Volunteer for a local charity
WHY DOES THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

The SFPD cannot be everywhere and relies on the community to be its eyes and ears. Call them to report suspicious activity. The SFPD looks to the community to identify issues to be addressed. Community crime prevention succeeds when done in partnership; neighbors, law enforcement, and public and private agencies must work together.