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## **ABBOT KINNEY TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

### **BASICS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP:**

Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of the LAPD's crime prevention strategy. It enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in communities throughout the City.

Members learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activities that raise their suspicions to the police department. Watch groups are not vigilantes. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood Watch helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns.

### **NEXT STEPS FOR AKT'S OFFICIAL WATCH GROUP:**

- Selecting block captains who are responsible for organizing and relaying information to AKT members on their specific block, as well as being a main point of contact between LAPD and their block. Eyes & ears of the block!
- Continuing to recruit members and ensuring we are up to date on new residents, with a goal to get all residents of the AKT enrolled in the group
- Submitting application for official Neighborhood Watch Signs in our area and working with LAPD, DOT and City of LA to get approval and installation.



## **WHAT WATCH GROUP MEMBERS LOOK FOR:**

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Someone looking into, or trying to break into, windows and parked cars
- People cruising around on bikes and skateboards looking into cars and trying alley gate locks
- Unusual noises and suspicious individuals
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is home
- Any vehicle moving slowly without apparent destination, or without lights
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars

### **NOTE:**

*While these are the standard LAPD suggestions, we know that – here in Venice – we have our own, unique set of circumstances (suspicious individuals and people looking into parked cars have become the norm), so we need to work with LAPD to establish a more area-specific list of “what to look for” and the times when it is crucial to contact LAPD immediately.*

## **HOW TO REPORT:**

- Give your name and address.
- Describe the event - what happened, when, where, and who was involved.
- Describe the suspect: sex and race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, distinctive characteristics such as beard, mustache, scars, tattoos or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved: color, make, model, year, license plate, and special features such as stickers, dents, or decals.

*Let's work together to make our  
Neighborhood safe again!*