



*Join the movement*

# Starting a Neighbourhood Watch Network

*Where do I start?*



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## ***What can Neighbourhood Watch achieve?***

### **A safer community by:**

- Sharing crime prevention advice
- Looking out for each other.

### **Lower crime:**

- Because you know your neighbourhood, you notice suspicious activity and report to Police
- Because you care and look out for each other
- Using crime prevention strategies
- Displaying NHW resources tells potential criminals that people are watching.

### **Better relationships with neighbours:**

- Create an inclusive, friendly environment where neighbours feel safe and connected.



## ***What does this involve?***



**Knowing your neighbourhood**



**Being neighbourly**



**Being active and aware in your neighbourhood**



## ***What does this mean?***

### **Knowing your neighbourhood**

- Awareness of who your neighbours are
- Being familiar with your local environment.

### **Being neighbourly**

- Saying 'hi'
- Looking out for each other
- Helping each other eg. Collecting a parcel, taking in their bins etc.

### **Being actively involved in the safety of your neighbourhood**

- Sharing information with neighbours
- Organising a driveway catch-up, coffee in the park or a BBQ
- Reporting all suspicious activity to Police.



MY NAME IS

I LIVE AT

**AND I AM YOUR NEIGHBOUR.**



Feel free to come and say 'hello' to me or ask a favour should you ever need one. I'm always happy to have a chat and help out! Hopefully there will be an opportunity to meet soon!

## ***Do you know your neighbours?***

**A safer, connected and informed community starts with communication and a simple "Hi".**

**Use our Knock Knock cards to introduce yourself by filling one out of the cards and popping it into your neighbour's letterbox.**

**See our website for all our available resources  
[www.nhw.wa.gov.au](http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au)**

***Want to start a network  
but have no idea where to  
start, what to do and what  
you're doing...***



First of all . . . breathe!!



Go to the website to order resources to use  
as ice-breakers - [www.nhw.wa.gov.au](http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au)



See if your neighbours would you like to  
join a network. Knock on their doors,  
use our resources or contact them  
via social media.



Set up a network and keep in regular  
contact with your neighbours via  
social media.

# ***Ways to communicate...***



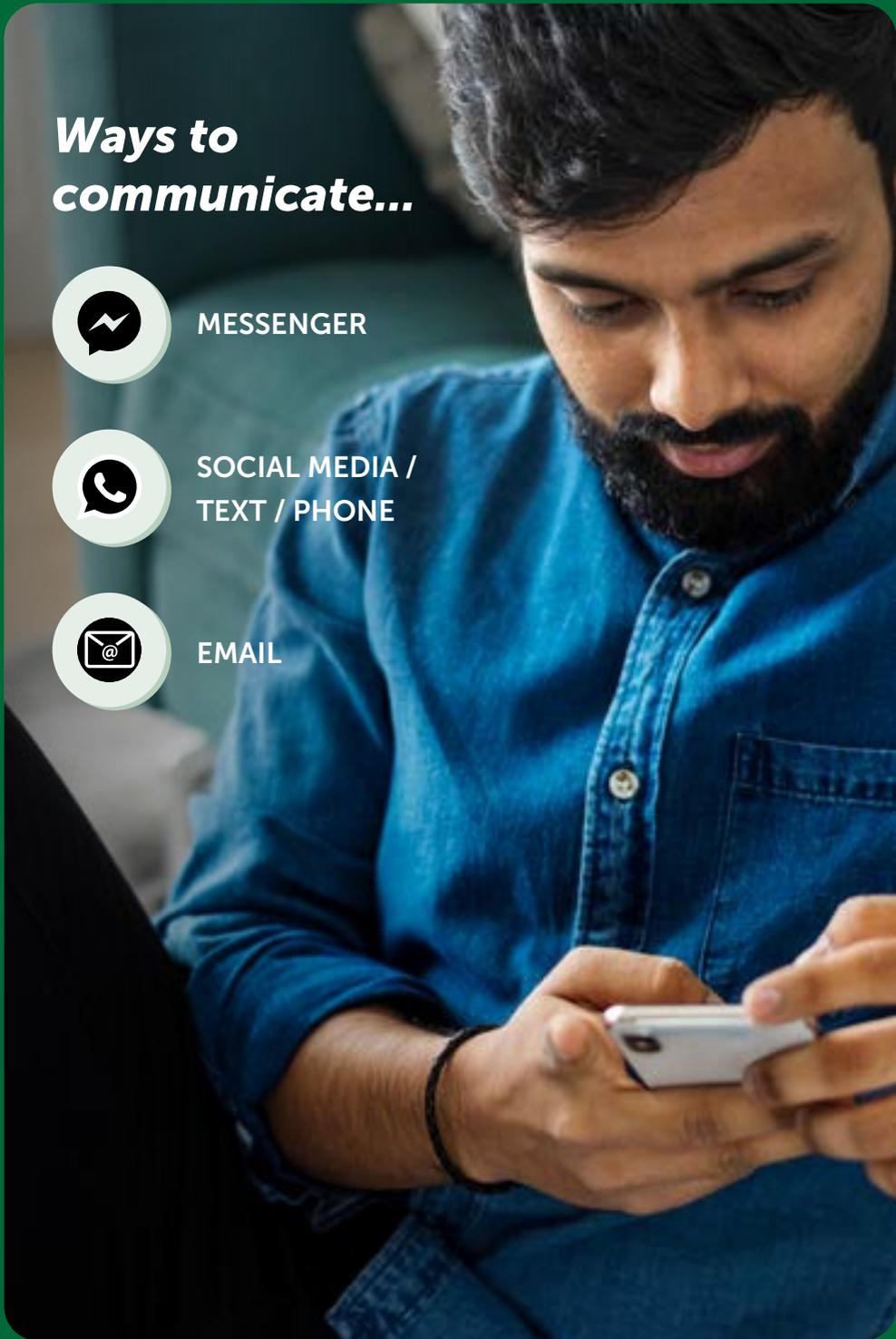
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**SOCIAL MEDIA /  
TEXT / PHONE**



**EMAIL**



# ***You have set up a network, what next?***



## **Observe**

Know who lives around you so you can recognise if something isn't familiar or out of the ordinary. Neighbourhood Watch doesn't want you to spy on your neighbour. We want you to be concerned for the safety of your neighbourhood. Spend time out in your community, be observant to the comings and goings, and become familiar with your local environment.



## **Acknowledge**

Waving or saying hello can deter an outsider, as well as signifying that you are communicating and watching out for one another. Good neighbours also acknowledge those people they don't know. Thus letting potential intruders know they have been seen and observed potentially reducing the opportunity for crime to occur.



## **Report**

Police cannot respond to community problems if they are not made aware of them. If your instinct is telling you something doesn't feel right - it probably isn't. Report all suspicious and criminal activity to Police.



## **Share**

Sharing information with Police and your neighbours helps build awareness and connects a neighbourhood.



## ***Ways to connect with your neighbours***

### **Be friendly**

Smile and speak to the people in your neighbourhood. Take your time when you're checking your mail or taking your bin out to the curb or bringing it in. Notice who is around, make eye contact, and greet them. Being friendly can go a long way towards connections.

### **Learn your neighbours' names**

Knowing someone's name is a powerful thing. When you address someone by their name, it makes them feel seen and builds a bridge even if you don't realise it. Whether you're new to a neighbourhood or you've lived somewhere for years, take the time to introduce yourself to neighbours that you don't know. Then ask them their names — and remember them.



## **Hang out in your front yard or common areas of a multi living complex**

Create situations where you can be engage or interact with your neighbours.

## **Take walks around the neighbourhood**

If your neighbourhood has sidewalks, go on regular family walks. You'll start to see "regulars" who are outside gardening or walking, too. It's a great way to connect!

## **Welcome new people to the neighbourhood or multi living complex**

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## **Pitch in to help each other**

It doesn't have to be a huge ask — it could be as simple as collecting mail or watering someone's plants when they're out of town.

## **Use your pets to make friends**

Dog owners love to talk about their furry friends, and pets are a great conversation piece (kinda like kids). Let your pets be the gateway to friendship with your neighbours.

## **Host a party**

Whether it's a bbq, wine and cheese night or a sundowner, be the neighbour who gathers people together for fun. You don't have to go all out — just be the one who initiates.



## ***Have I successfully started a network?***

- You have interested neighbours
- You have registered your group on [www.nhw.wa.gov.au](http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au)
- You know how you are going to communicate with each other
- You have considered if you need window stickers & bin stickers
- You are sharing crime prevention advice with your neighbours
- You are reporting suspicious and criminal behaviour to the Police.

