

## Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention

One thing to remember about criminals is that they never want to be seen by anyone. When a criminal knows that there is a good chance they are being watched, they will be more likely to move on and look for an easier target.

One of the best ways to ensure that a criminal does not target your house for a break-in is to make your entire street or block a highly secure area. This entails working with your neighbors so that everyone watches out for each other. Think of your block as a small community where you can rely on your neighbors to keep you and your property safe just as much as they can rely on you.

Meet the people who live nearby, get to know their names, what cars they have, and exchange contact information.



Keep this contact list near a phone, so you can call anyone on your block if the need arises. Consider starting an official Neighborhood Watch Group.

Remember your group should work together with police to help deter crime, warn others of potential danger, but never put yourself in danger by trying to stop a crime in progress. If any criminal activity is spotted, call the police immediately.

For more information on how to start your own Neighborhood Watch groups visit the Roseville Police Department's website to download a starter guide. Just type in "Neighborhood Watch" in the search window.



### "Watch for Strangers" Recognizing Suspicious Persons

Once you get to know your neighbors that live around you, you will be better prepared to notice strangers who are hanging around a lot. Seeing someone you don't know walk down your street is not unusual. However, if that person seems to be lingering and going back and forth frequently, they may be casing the neighborhood and looking for a home to rob.

People can be considered suspicious if they are:

- Going door-to-door in residential areas –look for subjects checking to see if front doors are locked, especially when another subject remains near the street as a lookout
- Non-residents going into a back or side yard of a house
- Carrying property – if someone is carrying valuable property or if it is an unusual hour
- Running from a property
- Unfamiliar subjects to the neighborhood – subjects that seem to have no purpose, wandering about exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms

What is the possible significance of these types of people?

- Casing homes or businesses
- Soliciting violations
- Burglary, theft, vandalism, or trespassing
- Fleeing the scene of a crime
- Drug activity

Warn a neighbor if you see someone looking at their home, and don't be afraid to call the police to report suspicious behavior. Remember, the best way to avoid being victimized by crime is to prevent it from happening

**Call 9-1-1** for an emergency  
or crime in progress

**Call 774-5000** for a non-emergency

## When to Call the Police

**9-1-1 should be reserved for emergencies.**

Here is a list of examples of when to use 9-1-1:

- A person's safety is in immediate peril
- A crime is in progress
- A fight is occurring especially if a gun, knife, or other weapon is involved
- Serious injury needing immediate response
- Armed robbery
- A traffic accident where injuries have occurred
- Any threat where immediate response is required; when you cannot be placed on hold

**When no immediate danger is present.  
Call (911) 774-5000, the non-emergency number.**

Here is a list of examples when to use the non-emergency number:

- A suspicious activity where suspects are gone
- Crime that has already occurred, and a report is needed
- Traffic accident with no injuries or traffic hazards
- To contact a specific police officer
- You are concerned about a person's wellbeing and are requesting a "welfare check"

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## Stay Fire-Safe this Summer

### Staying Safe When Grilling



Summer is the time to enjoy vacations, camping and picnics. Summertime also brings fires and burn injuries due to grilling, fire pits, and campfires. It's important to know how to prevent a burn while you enjoy outdoor activities this summer.

### Grilling Safety

- Only use your grill outside, and keep it away from siding and deck rails.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill, fire pits, and campfires.

- Wear short sleeves or roll them up when cooking on the grill.
- Use long-handled barbecue tools.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit, or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.



## Are you Prepared for a Disaster

Being prepared for an emergency or disaster is everyone's job. Every citizen should plan ahead for a disaster. Create a "Family Disaster Plan." Your plan should address the following :

- **Where to meet if you have to evacuate.**  
Designate a meeting place outside your home where family members can go. Have a backup meeting place in your neighborhood in case your first rendezvous point is inaccessible.
- **Identify an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact."** In an emergency family members check-in with the "family contact".
- **Know how to get important information in your community.**
  - Make sure to have a portable radio with extra batteries so your family has access to important information about emergency response efforts in your community.
  - Keep a touch-tone phone that does not require plugging into an electric outlet. After a disaster, cell phones and wireless phones may not be working. If you are able, use your touch-tone phone to call your out-of-town family contact.
  - If you are in your car, find a safe place to pull over and stay in your car. Turn on the car radio to gain important information about where to go and what to do.



## First Aid for Burns

Mayo Clinic

### Minor Burns:

- Cool the burn to help soothe the pain. Hold the burned area under cool (not cold) running water for 10-15 minutes or until the pain eases.
- Don't break small blisters (no bigger than your little fingernail)  
If blisters break, gently clean the area with mild soap and water, apply an antibiotic ointment, and cover with a nonstick gauze bandage.
- If needed, take an over-the-counter pain reliever, such as ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil), naproxen sodium (Aleve) or acetaminophen (Tylenol).
- Consider a tetanus shot. Make sure that your tetanus booster is up-to-date. Doctors recommend people get a tetanus shot at least every 10 years.
- Seek medical attention if needed.



**For major burns seek emergency medical aid or call 9-1-1**

**Sources:** Roseville Fire Website, Mayo Clinic, FEMA, CrimePrevention.org

**Call 9-1-1  
EMERGENCY  
IN PROGRESS**

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
Fire (916) 774-5800  
Police (916)-774-5000  
Extension 1

**Police Department**  
1051 Junction Blvd.  
Roseville CA 95678  
(916) 774-5000  
[www.roseville.ca.us/police](http://www.roseville.ca.us/police)

**Fire Headquarters**  
401 Oak Street, Fire Station #1  
Roseville, CA 95678  
(916) 774-5800  
[www.roseville.ca.us/fire](http://www.roseville.ca.us/fire)

**Abandoned Vehicle  
Hotline**  
(916) 746-1022

**Alarms/Alarm Permits**  
(916) 774-5093  
**Animal Control**  
(916) 774-5090

**Community Events &  
Neighborhood Watch**  
(916) 774-5050  
[PDCommunityServices@roseville.ca.us](mailto:PDCommunityServices@roseville.ca.us)

**Graffiti Abatement**  
(916) 746-1021

**Police News & Crime  
Alert Emails:**  
[www.roseville.ca.us/enotify](http://www.roseville.ca.us/enotify)

**RCONA**  
(Roseville Coalition Of  
Neighborhood  
Associations)  
[www.RCONA.org](http://www.RCONA.org)

