

Secure Your Business Against Crime

Remember...crimes against business are usually crimes of opportunity. If you make it easy for someone to steal from you, chances are, someone will.

Make crime against your business risky and unrewarding...Start a Business Watch program!

Law enforcement agencies would rather work with you to PREVENT crimes than spend time apprehending the criminals.

MIND YOUR BUSINESS... (IF YOU DON'T, BURGLARS WILL!)

For assistance in organizing a Business Watch in your area, contact any of the Spokane C.O.P.S. Substations or the main office at:

Spokane C.O.P.S.

901 N. Monroe #254
Spokane, WA 99201
835-4572

For a crime in progress, emergency or police response, call

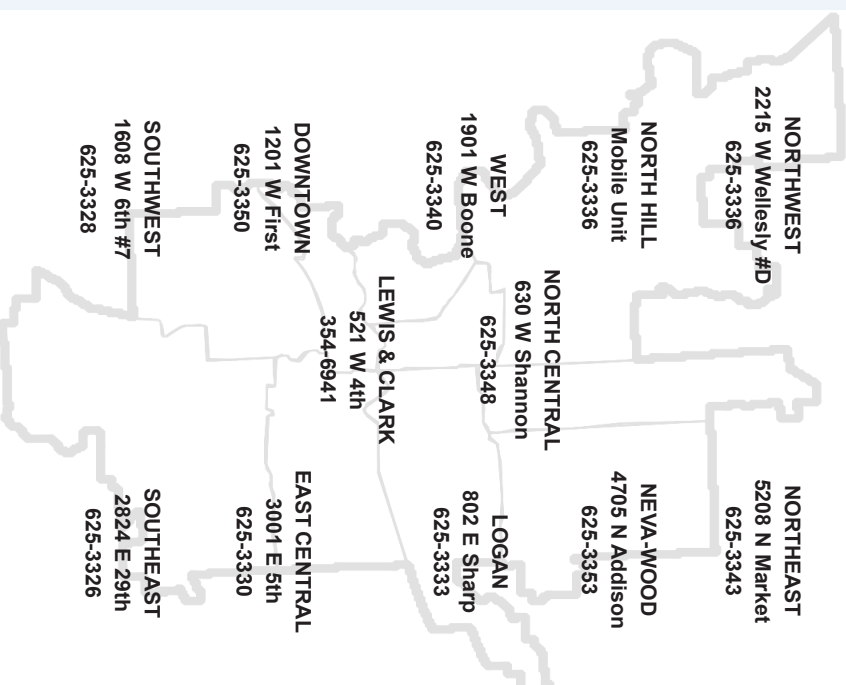
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To report a crime or give information to police, call the Crime Reporting Center

532-9266

For crime prevention resources and other Spokane C.O.P.S. programs, go to www.spokanecops.org

C.O.P.S. SUBSTATIONS



BUSINESS WATCH

BW ZONE



WE REPORT ALL
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES
TO OUR FELLOW
MERCHANTS AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES



A PROGRAM OF
SPOKANE C.O.P.S.

Business Watch is a program of Spokane C.O.P.S., similar to the Block Watch Program for neighborhoods. Businesses are encouraged to join and participate in partnership with their local C.O.P.S. Substation and the Spokane Police Department to make the Spokane business community safe and to reduce crime that affects them.

A Business Watch Program involves:

- ❖ Business people getting to know each other and working together in a mutual assistance program.
- ❖ Employees being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities and people to the police department.
- ❖ Employees being trained to handle emergencies, be a good witness, and learn crime prevention techniques.
- ❖ Crime prevention training for businesses on the following subjects: Shoplifting, Armed Robbery, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Fraud, Forgery and Commercial Burglary.
- ❖ Security survey of your business.

Requirements:

- ❖ Have a Business Watch participant serve as a liaison with the Neighborhood Resource Officer and the police.
- ❖ Have at least one employee attend a basic Business Watch training session. This employee will then train other employees.
- ❖ Provide the local C.O.P.S. Substation with a group map and floor plan/layout containing the business name, address, business and home phone numbers for emergency contacts.

As part of the Business Watch program, metal Business Watch signs, similar to Block Watch signs, are available at a minimal cost to be put on street directional posts or private property (such as fences). Also available are window clings to alert potential thieves and troublemakers that employees of the businesses have been trained, other crime prevention measures have been taken and they WILL report all suspicious activities to fellow merchants and law enforcement. The business will be added to the list of Business Watch members that will be notified quarterly through the Business Watch Notification Email System of crime or other areas of concern in the neighborhood.

Each participating business is also encouraged to:

- ❖ Develop emergency procedures in the event of a robbery, sudden illness, natural disaster, etc.
- ❖ Develop and train employees in recommended opening and closing procedures, handling money drops and bank deposits.
- ❖ Conduct a self security survey to better secure the building against burglary, robbery and shoplifting.

In working together, all the members of Business Watch benefit from obtaining up-to-date information on crimes and possible criminals that strike in your area through our Business Watch Notification Email System.

If you own or operate a business in the City of Spokane and are interested in the Business Watch Program, please contact your local C.O.P.S. Substation, call Spokane C.O.P.S. at 835-4572, or log onto www.spokanecops.org.

**OUT-SMART
CRIME!**