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# PARK WATCH

COMMUNITY SAFETY STEWARDSHIP

A program to help reduce crime in neighborhood parks through the joint efforts of Howard County citizens, Park Rangers, and Police.

Be part of the **solution...**

become the  &   
of the community.



Residents know their local parks the best and are able to identify suspicious activities or unsafe situations.

## PARK WATCH

- is an effective and inexpensive method to reduce crime and make your parks safer and more enjoyable
- teaches citizens personal safety techniques, and ways to reduce the risk of becoming a victim
- trains citizens to recognize and report suspicious activities



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## WANT TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION?

To schedule a training in your community for safe reporting techniques and personal security, or to learn how to become a Park Watch Volunteer, email [parkwatch@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:parkwatch@howardcountymd.gov).

## PARK WATCH VOLUNTEERS LOOK FOR...

- Individuals peering into parked vehicles
- Persons loitering in poorly lit areas
- Strange noises, calls for help, or the sound of breaking glass
- Children who appear to be lost or unsupervised
- Strangers talking to children from a vehicle or on foot
- Property being vandalized, damaged, or taken
- Fighting, screaming, yelling
- People in the park after dark, except for permitted activities

## PARK WATCH VOLUNTEERS REPORT....

- suspicious activities, unsafe situations, vandalism or graffiti, damaged property, and other concerns

## PARK WATCH IS NOT...

- a program designed to put participants at risk or directly intervene in a crime
- a guarantee that crime will not occur
- a vigilante group of citizens

If you SEE something, SAY something!



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