

## “Know Your Neighbour” Campaign

An important goal of Langley City Council is **to foster strong community ties among residents in the City of Langley**. Neighbourhood safety is a team effort, and it is evident that when residents work together to improve community safety it results in a reduction in crime. To that end, Council mandated the **Crime Prevention Committee** to develop strategies that will encourage residents to get involved and take an active role in helping to prevent and reduce crime in our neighbourhoods.

To realize this goal, the Committee has developed the **“Know Your Neighbour” campaign!** An initiative that will have volunteers hitting the streets to educate residents about crime prevention strategies and to share tips about how to easily improve neighbourhood safety. We want residents to get to know one another and help us build a strong, safe community.

### **Crime Prevention Strategies:**

**Reporting Crime:** It is important that you report **all crimes, or suspicious individuals** to the non-emergency number. This information is used by the RCMP to assist them in determining crime hot spots and allows them to focus their efforts to reduce crime in those areas. **RCMP Non-emergency number 604-532-3200**

**Block Watch** is a program of neighbours helping neighbours. The Block Watch Program is a free community-based crime prevention program administered by your local police. Residents make a commitment to watch out for each other's homes, and report suspicious activities to the police and to each other. **Call 604-532-3213**

**CPTED Evaluations** – “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental design. **CPTED** strategies rely upon the ability to influence offender decisions that precede criminal acts and when implemented, the principles reduce the opportunities to carry out crimes. The RCMP conducts free CPTED evaluations to both business and home owners in Langley City. Give them a call and learn how to make your home safer through the application of these principles.

**Citizen’s Patrol** - Citizen’s Patrol is a partnership between community volunteers, the RCMP and ICBC. The volunteers are trained to observe, record and report any suspicious activity. Provided with the hot spots in our community, these dedicated volunteers become the extra eyes and ears needed to help deter such criminal activity as theft from vehicles, graffiti, vandalism and break and enters. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the **Citizen’s Patrol Coordinator at 604-532-3210**

**529 Garage Program:** - A community-based bike registration and recovery service that protects bikes for the whole community. This registration program is also available at select bike shops for a small fee. <https://www.project529.com/garage>

## **More Resources:**

Langley City's mission is to build a vibrant, healthy and safe community where all citizens can enjoy a high quality of life.

Go to the Langley City website, or call 604-514-2800, to learn what services are provided and to connect with Council and/or staff to share your comments and concerns. [www.langleycity.ca](http://www.langleycity.ca)

Statistics show that getting to **“Know Your Neighbour”** reduces crime and creates healthy communities. Go to the link below to learn about a team of neighbours in the City that worked together to take back their neighbourhood from criminals.

<https://www.langleyadvancetimes.com/news/block-watch-helped-clean-up-crime-in-langley-neighbourhood/>

Some good information to help you protect your home and vehicles can be found on this website: <https://www.safehome.org/resources/community-safety-guide/>

The government of British Columbia is a great resource for helpful tips on how to build a safe community. Please take the time to go to these websites and learn about ways to make your neighbourhood safer and to prevent unwanted criminal activity.

*“Overview of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Planning”*: <https://goo.gl/8r7XNF>

*“Identifying Your community’s Crime Problem”*: <https://goo.gl/omSYaL>

*“Community Crime Prevention Guide”*: <https://goo.gl/6CGMYs>

**- From the Langley City, Crime Prevention Committee volunteers.**

