

Neighbourhood Support New Zealand



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Neighbourhood Support Fact Sheet

The Ideal Neighbourhood Support Group

The ideal Neighbourhood Support Group is one where members:

- Communicate with each other when they are going on holiday or leaving the house overnight.
- Meet regularly to discuss common concerns.
- Notify each other of anything suspicious that is currently happening in their neighbourhood.
- Respect each other's confidences.
- Offer support to any of their neighbours who have been victims.
- Keep each other informed of any criminal activity that has happened or is happening around their area.
- Are aware of any physical limitations that any neighbours may have (young children, disabled, elderly etc.).
- Are aware of the resources that are available within the neighbourhood.
- Have worked out how that will deal with various situations that may confront their community.
- Have arranged "emergency signals" and have rehearsed those signals. This is particularly useful for people living on their own.
- Notify the police of "suspicious behaviour" or any activity that threatens life or property.
- Take early positive action when required.
- Are aware of the safety of children on the street.
- Take basic crime prevention measures to secure their property.
- Upgrade security at times when premises are being vacated.
- Regularly update records of the neighbours within their group and pass them on to the neighbourhood support co-ordinator.
- Keep their group list with telephone numbers immediately on hand.