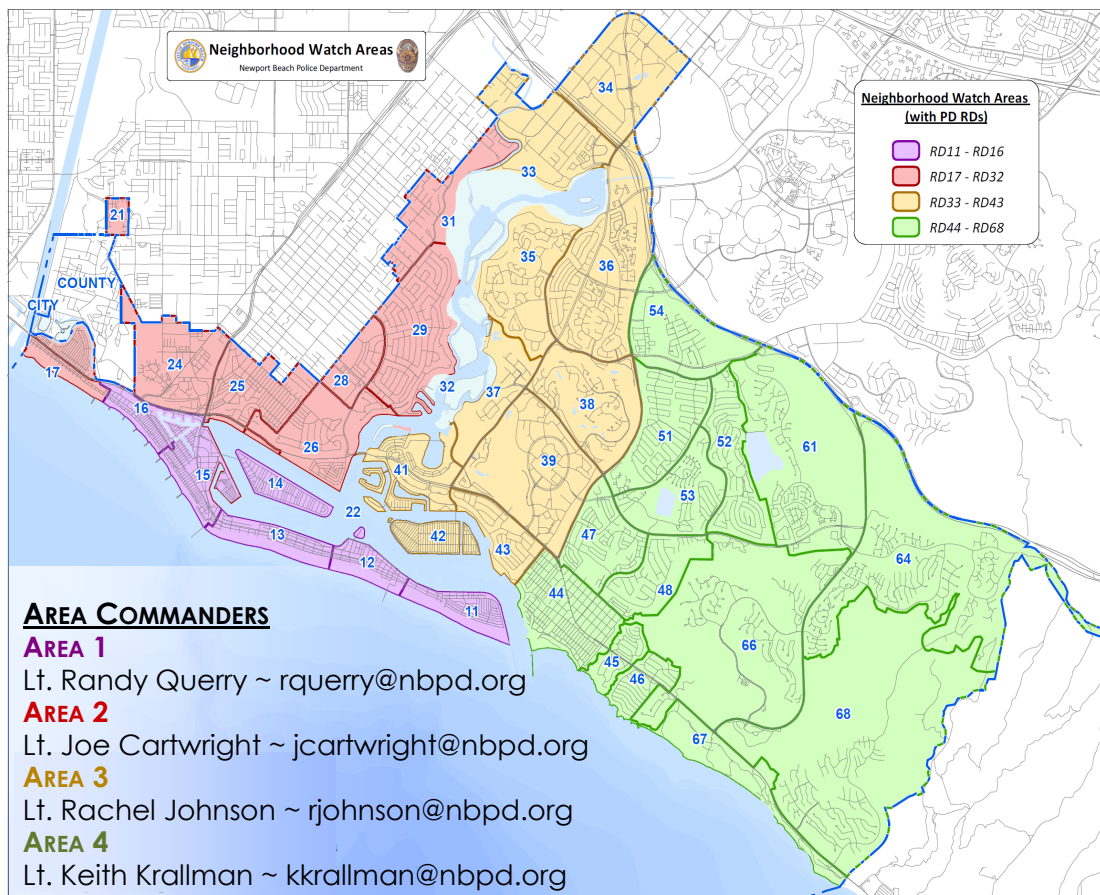




Newport Beach Police Department

Crime Prevention Unit 949.644.3699



Help Prevent Vehicle Crime!

- Lock and secure all doors and windows, even if you are away for only a few minutes.
- Lock and remove valuables even when you park your vehicle inside your garage.
- Always treat your garage door opener as if it were a key to your home and remove it from your vehicle, when not parking in your garage.
- Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area and if your vehicle has an alarm, activate it!

70% OF VEHICLES ARE LEFT UNLOCKED

Important Numbers

NONEMERGENCY

949-644-3717

(Police Dispatch)

24 Hour Recorded CRIME TIP HOTLINE

800-550-6273

Traffic

949-644-3742

Graffiti Hotline

949-644-3333

Code Enforcement

949-644-3215

FREE

Home Security Inspection

949-644-3699

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Receive CRIME ALERTS,
TRAFFIC ADVISORIES
and COMMUNITY
UPDATES from the
Newport Beach
Police Department
via TEXT MESSAGING,
EMAIL, or on the WEB
by signing up at:

WWW.NIXLE.COM

Visit us on the WEB
www.nbpd.org

When a Stranger Knocks

A knock at your door could be:

- A neighbor needing to borrow something
- A child selling cookies
- A solicitor, community organization, or a **BURGLAR**



Burglars look for empty homes and often check to see if you're home by knocking on the door.

What should you do if you get a knock at the door?

- **Never OPEN the door** unless you know the person.
- Install and use a peephole with a minimum 190 degree view.
- When you go to the door, have your phone nearby.
- **Acknowledge you're home without opening the door!**
- If the individual acts suspiciously, call the police department and provide them with a description of the subject and explain why you think their behavior is suspicious.



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HOME SECURITY TIPS:

- ☐ Always lock your windows and doors when you go out, even if for only a few minutes.
- ☐ All exterior doors should be locked using a deadbolt lock. *The strike plate should be installed with at least two, three inch screws.*
- ☐ All windows should be equipped with a secondary security lock.
- ☐ All sliding glass doors should be equipped with a secondary lock or have a wooden dowel placed in the track.
- ☐ Never leave a purse, wallet, laptop, or other valuables in plain sight.
- ☐ If your house/apartment is equipped with an alarm,
always activate it, even if you're only going out for a short walk.
 - **Consider adding a motion sensor in your master bedroom/bathroom. The sensor would activate the alarm if a burglar smashed a window and then climbed in and then out of the hole. Burglars use this technique to avoid doors and windows that are equipped with sensors.**
- ☐ Always keep porch lights on from dusk to dawn.
- ☐ Use timers on indoor lamps to give the appearance that you are home.
- ☐ Adjust window coverings for optimal privacy while maintaining good visibility outside.
- ☐ Never leave a key hidden under the doormat or in a nearby potted plant.
- ☐ Have packages delivered to a location where someone will be available to accept them so that they are not left unattended on your doorstep.
- ☐ Never leave mail, whether delivered or outgoing, in your mailbox overnight.
- ☐ If you have a safe, make sure that it is properly secured with bolts so that it cannot be easily removed. Never leave your safe open, or a key or combination laying around.
- ☐ When you go out of town for several days, please call **NBPD at 949-644-3681 and request a vacation check.** Also ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your residence and to contact police if they see suspicious activity.
- ☐ Add a **doorbell camera** to your front door or gate.
- ☐ Add a **wireless motion activated camera** inside your home that is **smartphone compatible**.



STRIKE PLATE

Garage Burglary

Close the Door on Crime!

- Always close your garage door.
- Keep the pedestrian door locked.
- Lock your vehicle when you park in the garage.
- Lock your bike to a stationary object within your garage.
- Record your bike's serial number and have it licensed either at the police department or your local fire station (fee: \$2.00).

A bike license will help police to identify and return a recovered bike to its rightful owner.

CHECK CALLS FOR SERVICE WITHIN YOUR REPORTING DISTRICT AT: **WWW.NBPD.ORG** "CALLS FOR SERVICE"

For additional information, you can email the incident number to Crime Prevention Specialist Andi Query at: **aquery@nbpd.org** or call **(949) 644-3699**.