

Call the Police

Call the police and provide them with your observations of suspicious activity.



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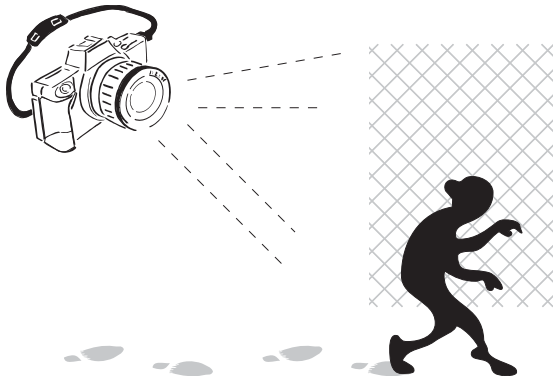
Local Emergency Response: 911

Police:

Fire:

Water Utility:

Drinking Water Watcher's contact:



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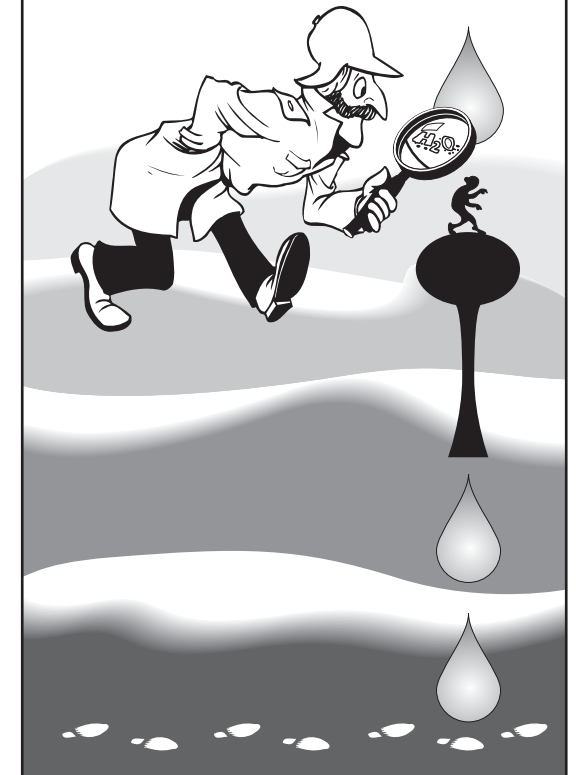
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*For Utilities Creating
a Neighborhood*

Drinking Water Watchers Program



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Why have a neighborhood Drinking Water Watchers Program?

Water Utilities are often located in isolated areas. Drinking water also may cover large areas that are often difficult to patrol and secure. The citizens of the community can help by noticing and reporting any suspicious activity in and around local water utilities. Citizens who are interested in protecting their water resources can join together with the water utilities, law enforcement and the public health officials in a neighborhood Drinking Water Watchers group.

What does a neighborhood Drinking Water Watchers group do?

- Provides a way for citizens to recognize potential crime in the area of the water utility and implement prevention strategies.
- Gives the water system and citizens an increased sense of security.
- Gives residents the opportunity to become more familiar with the activities and citizens of the community.



Who can be a part of the Drinking Water Watchers Program?

Any resident who is concerned for the safety of the public water supply should get involved.



How to create a Drinking Water Watchers group:

- Contact your local law enforcement to speak with a community liaison, crime prevention officer or the chief of the department to make them aware of what your intentions are and to get them involved as much as possible.
- Contact existing Drinking Water Watchers groups to ask them about the methods that worked best for their group while organizing.
- Form a small group to assist in the initial meetings and discuss starting a neighborhood Drinking Water Watchers program.
- Customize your group according to the needs of your community.
- When your group is assembled discuss why they are there and what they are to look for, what is considered suspicious activity and any other items of interest from the group.



What does a member of a Drinking Water Watchers Program do?

Recognize suspicious activity

This program gives citizens the opportunity to become more familiar with their community. This will enable you to quickly recognize suspicious activity around your water utility opposed to the day to day operation of a water utility.



Describe suspicious activity

Documenting their observations based on the key elements needed, which are:

- State the nature of the incident
- Identify themselves and their location
- Describe any vehicle/equipment involved (color, make, model, plate #)
- Describe the participants (number of people involved, gender, race, color of hair, clothing, weight, height)

