

The Top Five Myths about



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- **Block Watch is Block Parent.** It does **NOT** require you to be available for children to come to your door when they are lost or frightened - these are two different programs.
- **Block Watch requires you to perform special tasks or receive special training.** We do however encourage an annual meeting which can be in the form of a BBQ or other social gathering.
- **Block Watch requires you to be home all the time.** All it requires is for you to be alert and know your neighbours and neighbourhood.
- **You patrol the neighbourhood and chase burglars.** Block Watch simply involves being alert as part of your everyday life. For example: when you go to your car or window, you're encouraged to stop for a second and take a quick glance around your neighbourhood to ensure that everything is as it should be.
- **Being a part of Block Watch requires you to know your neighbours' business and them to know yours.** Block Watch means being aware of who belongs and who doesn't belong in your neighbourhood.

Block Watch involves two commitments:

A commitment to be concerned about your neighbours' property as well as your own.

A commitment to take action when you see suspicious activity: if **not** in progress, call Saanich Police non-emergency number (250-475-4321); if in progress, call **9-1-1**.