



## Town of Emerald Isle NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



### Quick Reference List (QRL) of Recommended Security and Safety Measures

**Message from:** Chief Tony Reese, EIPD 252-354-2021

The objective of the Emerald Isle Neighborhood Watch Program is to raise resident and visitor awareness and sensitivity to questionable activity while in Emerald Isle. People who are alert to various security issues enhance the safety of all residents, visitors and property. On behalf of the Police Department and people who live here or visit I want to enlist you to serve as additional eyes and ears for our department to enhance our mission. **We want no person to ever approach or otherwise confront people engaged in suspicious activity.**

**REMEMBER: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING.....SAY SOMETHING!** When you observe any suspicious or criminal activity **CALL 911!** I recommend that you also call your Neighborhood Watch Program Street Captain to advise him or her of your observations **AFTER YOU REPORT TO THE POLICE.**

*The following tips are actions you may take to protect your personal and real property but are in no way meant to intrude into anyone's preferred method to protect their properties or privacy.*

1. **Keep your residence and vehicles locked at all times** even when just going to the beach.
2. **Keep your car keys easily accessible** so you will be able to create an effective alarm by pressing the panic button key on your car's ignition remote control system.
3. **Secure your bicycle with a lock** while shopping or at home. A bike can typically cost between \$150 and \$330. A bicycle lock costing between \$5 and \$25 can deter theft.
4. **Have a plan in case a hurricane evacuation is necessary:** You can find a checklist at: [www.emerald-isle-nc.org](http://www.emerald-isle-nc.org) or download the new Emerald Isle App (visit the App Store or Google Play)
5. **Create an inventory of items favored by burglars** to include: serial numbers, photos, etc.
6. **Install a security alarm system for your home** if possible to protect your valuables.
7. **Consider installing wide-angle peepholes for outside doors** at heights everyone can use to prevent opening doors to strangers who may want to rob you or your home.
8. **Install motion detection lights** to enhance outdoor security.
9. **Consider purchasing timers to turn on outside and inside lights** automatically at various times throughout the night.
10. **Have a checklist for vacation absences:**
  - a- Unplug all unnecessary appliances, televisions, stereos and personal computers.
  - b- Arrange for someone to pick up your newspapers or deliveries daily and put a hold on your mail.
  - c- Close and lock all windows and doors when you leave your home including garage and gate doors.
  - d- Make the communications center (252-726-7911) and a neighbor aware of which vehicles, if any, should be on the premises and provide your cell phone number or other point of contact information so you may be reached if necessary.
  - e- Back up your computer data files and take the back-up device with you.
  - f- Keep unsecured furniture and personal items off your dock area to prevent theft.
11. **Be Observant and Report:**
  - a- Any suspicious activities or person(s) as you walk or drive through your area.
  - b- Building materials or other items being removed from a construction site.
12. **Call the Town Hall Administration Office at 252-354-3424:**
  - a- To report any streetlights not working and to include the location of the streetlight and pole number.
  - b- To request the installation of an additional streetlight for a poorly illuminated area.

***Please suggest to the police department any other additional information you feel is important to enhance the safety and well being of our community.***

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