

WILSHIRE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

STEP 3



*CHANGING HOW WE NEIGHBOR
TO DETER CRIME AND BUILD COMMUNITY*

STEP 3: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

*Want to know the best crime prevention device ever invented?
A good neighbor!*

1. WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of neighbors in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in our community.

Did you know that the police say the most powerful crime fighting tool they have is an organized Neighborhood Watch?

What does a Neighborhood Watch sign mean in our neighborhood?

It means that we are secure

1. We have taken measures to secure our homes including locking doors, windows, using alarms, private patrol, surveillance cameras and have adequate outdoor lighting all night long.
2. We have taken measures to secure our property and belongings, including inventories of personal property and engraving our valuables with a number identifiable to us.

It means that we are organized

1. We are watching out for each other.
2. We communicate with each other using the phone tree, email, text and other means.
3. We hold meetings; organize block parties and other functions to bring the neighborhood together.

It means that we are trained

1. We know what is suspicious and how to be a good witness.
2. We know what to report to police, how to report it and are not afraid to report suspicious activities.
3. We attend training meetings, when possible, and read training information whenever available.

It means that we are committed

1. We will watch out for our neighbors.
2. We will be a witness and work with the police department to solve crimes.
3. We will work with each other in solving neighborhood problems.
4. We will support the Neighborhood Watch program, the program leaders and keep the program active.

IMPORTANT!

- Neighborhood Watch volunteers do not replace local police authority and are limited to **observing and reporting** criminal activity or suspicious behavior.
- Neighborhood Watch means vigilant, not vigilante. Going beyond being the eyes and ears of the community can lead to conflicts and potentially lawsuits.

The more people that are actively involved in a Neighborhood Watch, the stronger the network, the better the deterrence of crime and the more connected a neighborhood will be.

2. WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR?

- ✓ **Something that feels uncomfortable or looks out of place**
- ✓ **Behavior is suspicious, not persons.**
- ✓ **An event is out of the ordinary or one that should not be occurring**
- ✓ Truant juveniles with backpacks during school hours
- ✓ A stranger loitering in your neighborhood
- ✓ Stranger walking on private property or alleyway
- ✓ Someone checking car doors/peering through car windows
- ✓ People knocking on doors to residential properties
- ✓ Cars, vans or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or suspiciously parked in front of property
- ✓ Someone who sits in their car for long periods of time
- ✓ Vehicles without front or rear licenses plates
- ✓ Vehicles following you while you are walking
- ✓ Vehicle cruising the streets repeatedly.
- ✓ Multiple persons who appear to be working in unison and exhibiting suspicious behaviors.
- ✓ People acting as lookouts
- ✓ Suspects being dropped off and then picked up at end of street
- ✓ Solicitors presenting an unknown charity
- ✓ Someone loitering around schools, parks, or secluded areas.
- ✓ Strange odors coming from a house, building, or vehicle.
- ✓ Open or broken doors and windows at a closed business or unoccupied residence.
- ✓ Someone tampering with electrical, gas, or sewer systems without an identifiable company vehicle or uniform.
- ✓ Persons arriving or leaving from homes or businesses at unusual hours.
- ✓ Signs of forced entry or tampering with security or safety systems.
- ✓ Screaming or shouting for help
- ✓ Unusual noises
- ✓ Property being taken out of a home where no one is at home
- ✓ Anyone being forced into a vehicle

3. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS:

“See Something, Say Something” “When in Doubt, Call”

Neighborhood Watch participants should report their observations of suspicious activities to law enforcement. However, citizens should never try to take action on those observations. Trained law enforcement should be the only ones ever to take action based on observations of suspicious activities.

#1 - Call immediately and report suspicious activity. In case of an emergency or a crime in progress - call 911. In non-emergency situations - call 1-877-ASK-LAPD or dispatch at 213-928-8223. Staying calm will help you to better respond to questions ask by the dispatcher. Be prepared to give as much information as possible such as your name, address and phone number; location, what is happening, if it is a crime or suspected crime – a description of the suspect, suspect vehicle, direction of travel, and license plate. **WHEN IN DOUBT – CALL IT IN!**

#2 - Call your Private Patrol after you call LAPD. Patrol arrives promptly often within minutes.

#3 - Do not follow or confront persons with suspicious behavior

#4 - Report suspicious activity to your Senior Lead Officer <http://www.lapdwilshire.com/wilshire-senior-lead-officers.html>

#5 - Notify your block captain by call/text/email – see “communication” below

NOTE:

- California is not a state that has enacted “stand your ground” laws.
- LAPD does not condone the use of violence.
- You have every right to protect yourself, family and property. There is a limit.
- “LET THEM GO!” Property is not worth your life.
- Remember: What you can use against them, can be used against YOU!

The information detailed on this website or included in this packet is only provided as a resource.

4. WHY REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR AND CRIME?

The purpose of reporting of suspicious activity is to activate LAPD and private patrol which:

- deters crime
- stops criminal activity
- increases police/patrol presence in your neighborhood
- restores/maintains a safe neighborhood

Some people fail to call because they are not aware of activities that might be suspicious. Others may notice suspicious activity and hesitate to call for fear of being labeled a “nosy neighbor.” Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called. Always report suspicious activity

and all crimes because police don't know there's a problem unless they are informed that there is a problem.

Not every stranger who comes into your neighborhood is a criminal by any means. There are many door-to-door salesmen, repairmen, and servicemen moving around our neighborhoods all the time. But criminals do take advantage of this by pretending to be legitimate workmen. Be aware of knock-knock crimes and how to prevent them (see "Step 1: Secure Your Property")

5. WHAT SHOULD I REPORT WHEN I SEE SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR?

If you SEE or HEAR someone breaking the law, try to REMEMBER what they look like and quickly REPORT them to the police.

The most valuable aid you can give a police officer about a crime is information on the identification of suspects. This and the facts you observe about the crime itself are the two main points on which an officer bases their investigation. These two items can, in many cases, be far more important than the findings made through scientific investigation at the scene such as finger prints, foot casts, etc. Many times, such evidence is non-existent. Be sure to make a written note of as many of the following as possible. When reporting a crime or suspicious activity do not hang up the telephone until you are sure the dispatcher has all the information.

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION SHOULD INCLUDE: Sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, eye color, glasses type, tattoos, scars, complexion, hat (color/type), tie, coat, shirt, pants, and shoes.

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION SHOULD INCLUDE: License number, State of issue & color of license plate, vehicle color, make/model, body style (2 door, 4 door, convertible, etc.), identifying scratches or dents, year, and, if vehicle leaves before police arrive, which direction was the vehicle last seen traveling.

Did you know that California plates are 1 number/3 letters/3 numbers? For example 7ABC321

All neighborhood watch members should have a map of their neighborhood and know your neighbor's names, addresses, phone numbers, & vehicles. Additional information, such as working hours, number of children or who's home during the day, would help in defining what is suspicious in YOUR neighborhood. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, phone your neighbors so they can keep track of it too.

6. COMMUNICATION

- **BLOCK GROUP EMAIL**
 - ✓ Block captains set up block rosters and initiate a group email. Neighbors can email the entire block if needed.
 - ✓ Inform your block captain of any needed issues regarding safety/security
 - ✓ Block captains communicate with Neighborhood Watch Coordinator who can pass coordinate with LAPD Senior Lead Officers.
 - ✓ Neighborhood Watch Coordinator can email alert/updates/info to block captains who can get info to entire block
- **BLOCK GROUP TEXT ALERT**

- ✓ Blocks can opt to set up a group text for all neighbors on block for alerts. Consider Band app (band.com). Use to alert neighbors to be aware of incidents or suspicious behavior on your block.
- **COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICER (SLO)**
 - ✓ LAPD Wilshire Division is divided up into 9 areas and each area has a SLO. Your SLO is part of the Community Relations Office and works specifically in your neighborhood. SLO Officers partner with your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, block captains and neighbors to work on areas of concern or in need of more resources/support.
- **COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR 24/7-ARMED RESPONSE/PATROL COMPANY**
 - ✓ Notify your patrol company about issues/concerns/photos-videos of suspects. Patrol is a vital part of the Neighborhood Watch when utilized correctly.
- **NEXTDOOR.COM**
 - ✓ Neighborhood social media website
- **RING NEIGHBORHOOD**
 - ✓ Ring products are linked to Ring Neighborhood - posts of activity/videos of suspicious persons in area
- **CRIMEMAPPING.COM**
 - ✓ Be aware of crime in your area
 - ✓ Crimes reported here may be re-categorized by LAPD after investigation of the incident

7. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH LAWN SIGNS:

- ✓ Once your block has hosted a NHW meeting and completed the contents of the NHW Packet – you may want to consider posting lawn signs. Contact us at Wilshire Community Station @ (213) 473-0200 if you are interested in learning more.
- ✓ They have been effective in deterring crime in the neighborhoods that display them along with active Neighborhood Watch Programs.



8. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PARTICIPANT TO DO LIST:

- SECURE YOUR PROPERTY/HARDEN YOUR TARGET – read ‘Secure Your Property and complete checklist

- BE AN ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEMBER
 - ✓ Contact your block captain and provide needed info to receive emails/alerts
 - ✓ Read “How To Be An Active Neighborhood Watch”
 - ✓ Hand out flyer “We Watch We Care We Call”
 - ✓ Walk your block daily and take note of your surroundings. Involve your neighbors and schedule shifts. Remember, vigilant not vigilante. We watch, we report. We leave police work for the police.
 - ✓ Report suspicious behavior
 - ✓ Keep your block roster on your phone and nearby so you can call neighbors fast
 - ✓ Sign up for your blocks TEXT ALERT (consider Band app) and notify others immediately of suspicious activity. Actively COMMUNICATE pertinent info via email with your block fast.

- SIGN UP FOR 24/7 response/Private Patrol
 - ✓ Read “What Everyone Should Know About Patrol”.
 - ✓ Utilize your patrol for your protection. Read “How to Utilize 24/7 Patrol”

- Keep police/patrol/emergency numbers on your phone for reporting suspicious activity or an emergency situation.

- Post your NHW lawn signs once you complete your block NHW meeting.

- Attend monthly Neighborhood Watch Meetings**

8. UTILIZE YOUR RESOURCES – WHO IS ON YOUR BLOCK WHEN YOU ARE NOT?

Your family members, gardener, mail carrier, UPS/Fed Ex driver, pizza delivery person, housekeeper, tenant, and neighbor **are all eyes on your street ...**

Have a discussion with those who frequent your residence and explain you are part of a Neighborhood Watch.

Share this flyer with neighboring businesses, schools and stores – get the word out that your neighborhood is an active neighborhood watch.

-Neighborhood Watch benefits everyone-Hand the following note to encourage others to keep your home safe

Hello,

Please help us keep our neighborhood safe!

Our neighborhood is participating in a Watch Program. You can help us.

- If there is an emergency call 911
- If you see anything suspicious call 1-877-ASK-LAPD

Put these numbers on your phone along with our phone number.

Please call us as well and let us know what you have seen on our block.

You may see things as you work or visit our street, so please alert us when you see suspicious behavior.

Thank you

Hola,

¡Por favor ayúdenos a mantener nuestro vecindario seguro!

Nuestro vecindario está participando en un programa de vigilancia. Puedes ayudarnos.

- Si hay una emergencia, llame al 911
- Si ve algo sospechoso, llame al 1-877-ASK-LAPD

Pon estos números en tu teléfono y nuestro número de teléfono.

Por favor llámenos también y háganos saber lo que ha visto en nuestro calle.

Puede ver cosas mientras trabaja o visitar nuestra calle, así que avísenos cuando vea un comportamiento sospechoso.

Gracias

We are a

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

WILSHIRE DIVISION COMMUNITY



WE WATCH. WE CARE.

WE CALL POLICE

1-877-ASK-LAPD

(1-877-275-5273)

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STEP 4: RESOURCES

Having access to important contact numbers is part of Neighborhood Watch. See below for numbers to keep on your cell phone.

1. IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

FIRST RESPONDERS

- EMERGENCY: 911 (THREAT TO LIFE LIMB OR PROPERTY) 911
[TEXT 911](#)
- NON-EMERGENCY POLICE 1-877- 275-5273 (1-877-ASK-LAPD)
- NON-EMERGENCY FIRE & PARAMEDICS: 1-800-688-8000
- NON-EMERGENCY TERRORIST THREATS: 1-877-284-7328

- CRIME STOPPERS ANONYMOUS REPORT 1-800-222-8477
- LAPD Wilshire Division Front Desk – non-emergency 213-473-0476
- LAPD Community Relations Office 213-473-0200

- MYLA 311 – SERVICES AND INFORMATION FOR LOS ANGELES 311

YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS & GOVERNMENT

- Mid-City West Neighborhood Council 1-323- 651-3512
- P.I.C.O Neighborhood Council 1-323-521-9080
- OLYMPIC Neighborhood Council
- Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
- Mid City Neighborhood Council
- United Neighborhood Council
- CD4 Councilman David Ryu Office 1-323-957-6415
- Councilman Ryu Deputy Chief Rob Fisher 1-323- 957-6415
- CD5 Councilman President Herb Wesson Office 1-323-473-7010
- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti 1-213-978-0600
- ABANDONDED CARS 1-800-222-6366
- AGING: Department of Aging 1-800-510-2020
- ANIMAL: Los Angeles Animal Services 1-888-452-7381
- BUILDING INSPECTION: Building Inspection 1-888-524-2845
- CAL TRANS: Cal Trans (Road Closures) 1-800-427-7623
- CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Hotline: 1-888-246-2675
- CITY SERVICES: City Services Within the City MYLA dial 311

DISABILITY: Department of Disability	1-213-485-6334 TTY 1-213-485-6655
DISASTER HOTLINE: L.A. County Disaster Hotline:	1-800-980-4990
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE	1-800-978-3600
EMERGENCY DEPT: LA Emergency Management Department	1-213-978-2222
EMERGENCY PREP CITY OF LA: City of Los Angeles Emergency Helpline	1-888-356-4661
GAS: Southern CA Gas Company	1-800-427-2200
HEALTH SERVICES: LA County Public Health: Hotline:	1-866-999-LABT (5228)
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	888-KEY-2-FREE
LA CITY INFO LINE: Info Line Los Angeles - "211 LA COUNTY":	dial 211
LIGHTS & NOISE	1-888-524-2845
MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)	1-800-438-6233
NARCOTIC DRUG ABUSE	1-800-252-6465
NARCOTICS HOTLINE	1-800-662-BUST (2878)
OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP (GRAFFITI)	1-800-611-CITY (2489)
PARKING VIOLATIONS	1-213-742-1884
PARKS: Park-Related Emergencies	1-323-913-7390
POISON: Poison Center Hotline:	1-800-222-1222
RAPE HOTLINE	1-626-793-3385
RED CROSS: American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles	1-213-739-5200
REFUSE: Refuse Collection	1-800-773-2489
RUNAWAY HOTLINE	1-800-231-6946
SEWER/STORM DRAIN: Sewer / Storm Drain Problems	1-800-773-2489
STORM DAMAGE: Storm Damage / Mud Slide Reports	1-888-524-2845
STREET LIGHTS: Street Lights	1-800-996-2489
STREET SERVICES: Bureau of Street Serv Investigation & Enforcement Div (213) 847-6000	1-213-847-6000
SUICIDE HOTLINE	1-877-727-4747
TERRORIST THREATS	1-877-A-THREAT (284-7328)
TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Traffic Signals	1-213-580-1177
TREES: Trees Down / Debris Removal and Related Problems	1-800-996-2489
WATER & POWER: DWP (Department of Water & Power)	1-800-342-5397

2. COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Homeless, Mental Health, Human Trafficking & Cooling Centers

**LA County Hotline
24/7 Crisis Line**

**CALL 2-1-1
323-686-0950**

HOMELESS:

General/Single Adults:

If you encounter a homeless individual who needs help, just go to la-hop.org and click the big red “Get Started” button.

LAHSA ONLINE PORTAL: <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/>

LA-HOP.org should NOT be used for:

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- Bulky item pickup (call 311 or use the MyLA311 app)
- Illegal dumping or graffiti removal or for clearing large homeless camps (311 or MyLA311)

LAHSA (LA Homeless Services Authority)

Hotline/Emergency Team M-F 7:30-4:30

213-225-6581

For services & help online (& list of shelters)

<https://www.lahsa.org/get-help>

Phyllis Lozano, SPA-4 Coord

213-797-4566

CES (Coordinated Entry System)

323-644-2274

Jesus Torres jesust@epath.org

cell: 213-304-0435

Pet friendly shelters:

Check out here for PATH Hollywood they partnered with PETCO.

<https://www.petful.com/animal-welfare/southern-california-homeless-shelters-offer-safe-place-for-pets/>

https://startrescue.org/resource_category/homeless-community/

<https://barkavenuefoundation.org/category/homeless-people-pets/>

MENTAL HEALTH:

Mental Crisis Emergency 911

LA County Dept of Mental Health 800-854-7771

LAPD SMART - Mental Evaluation Unit 213-926-1368

Youth:

- LGBT Center 323-860-2280 Youth 13-20, LGBRQ Specialty, Kris Namath, CES Youth Coordinator knameth@lalgbtcenter.org
- Covenant House Youth 18-25 Ask for intake coordinator 323-461-3131

Women/Families:

- Good Shepherd Women & Kids 24/7 213-235-1460

- Journey Out – Prostitution & Trafficking, Tika Case Manager 818-427-0167
- Families CES Coordinator – Elizabeth Heger elizabethh@epath.org
& Luis Valdovinos luisv@epath.org

VETERANS:

- Veterans CES 213-446-0382
- Coordinator, Enrique Martinez - PATH enriquemartinez@epath.org

DROP-IN SERVICES:

- Saban Clinic 323-653-1990
8405 Beverly Blvd. @ Orlando
Medical/Dental/Vision/Mental (M-Th 0830-2100, F 0830-1700)
Showers (wheelchair accessible) M-F 0730-1500
- The Source at Durant Branch Library 323-876-2741
7140 W. Sunset Blvd @ Detroit
Lunch/ID's/Cell Phones/Shelter/Transpo/Mental Health/Medi-cal & Cal Fresh Enrollment/Traffic Ticket Resolution – 4th Thursdays, 1200-1500
- LGBT Center (13-20 years)
1220 N Highland Ave @ Fountain
Food/Clothing/Counseling/Showers/Job Services/STD Testing M-F 0830-1730/Sat-Sun 0830-1600)
- Covenant House (18-25 years) call first 323-461-3131
1325 N Western Ave @ Fountain
Meals/Showers/Clothing/Hygiene/Kits/Referrals to Services/Medical & Mental Health,
Education/Employment Program/Case Management
- Cochran Ave Baptist Church - hot lunch (2 servings) M-F 1200-1230 1304 S Cochran Ave @ Packard
- Homeless Care Days
MacArthur Park Wilshire/Alvarado
CES/Medical/Mental/Legal/Pet Resources/Vets Services/STD's
Every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month 0700-1500

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

- **888-KEY-2-FREE | 888-539-2373**
- Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST)

- Your safety and the safety of the victim is paramount. Do not attempt to confront a suspected trafficker directly or alert a victim to any suspicion. It is up to law enforcement to investigate suspected cases of human trafficking.
- To report tips regarding potential human trafficking cases, please contact our toll-free, 24-7 hotline:
- REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING - CAST's toll-free hotline is available anywhere in the U.S. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with translators in multiple languages. 888-KEY-2-FREE 888-539-2373 <http://www.castla.org/home>
- COMMON VENUES/INDUSTRIES FOR LABOR TRAFFICKING Domestic Work (e.g., cleaning homes, childcare, elderly care, etc.) Hotel & Restaurant Service (e.g., hospitality services, housekeeping, dishwashing, etc.) Manufacturing (e.g., food processing, making clothing, assembling toys, etc.) Agriculture (e.g., growing food) Health & Beauty Services (e.g., hair braiding, nail salons, etc.) Forced Peddling (e.g., magazine crews) Forced Selling and/or Cultivation of Drugs

COOLING CENTERS:

2018 UPDATED LA COUNTY DISTRICT 3 COOLING CENTERS LIST [click here](#)

COOLING CENTERS LIST FOR SENIORS

PAN PACIFIC REC CENTER 141 S. Garner St., LA 90036 323/957-4524

Larchmont Buzz.com article....[The Los Angeles Homeless](#)

- Last month, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) launched a new, easy-to-use website – the Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP.org) to help make it easier to request coordinated county services for homeless individuals who need specific kinds of assistance.
- In the past, residents could contact any of several services and agencies, including LAHSA, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), or others, to seek specific kinds of services from each of those several organizations. But thanks to funding from the recent Measure HHH, a variety of services are now accessible from a single entry point.
- If you encounter a homeless individual who needs help, just go to la-hop.org and click the big red “Get Started” button.
- From there, you will be taken to a page that outlines which kinds of help and services are available through the Portal, and which are not. In short, according to the information page, LA-HOP outreach workers and teams can:
 - help individuals navigate homeless services options
 - provide mental health first aid
 - perform “motivational interviewing“
 - provide expertise on physical health, mental health and substance abuse

- Responders will work to build relationships with individuals, determine their individual needs and provide individually targeted services...for everything from obtaining an ID card to ongoing medical and mental health needs...and, ultimately, finding permanent housing.
- Please note, though, that there are still situations in which LA-HOP.org should NOT be used. These include:
 - medical or mental health emergencies (call 911), to report crime or illegal activity (call 911 for emergencies, or 1-877-ASK-LAPD for non-emergency dispatch)
 - bulky item pickup (call 311 or use the MyLA311 app)
 - illegal dumping or graffiti removal (311 or MyLA311 again) or for clearing large homeless camps
- Also, if you encounter a family with minor children experiencing homelessness, they should call 211 and ask to be connected to the Coordinated Entry System for Families.
- Finally, according to the LA-HOP site, please note that individuals must currently be living on the street to qualify for LA-HOP services. People who are currently “couch surfing, temporarily living with friends or family, at risk of homelessness, or already staying in a homeless shelter” are NOT eligible.

SAFE FIREARMS PRACTICES:

[Crime Prevention Month Kit](#)

Safe Firearm Storage

www.safefirearmsstorage.org

3. DISASTER PREP RESOURCES:

Resources from So Cal Prep - Info@SoCalPrep.us.

- 72-hour (Grab and Go) Kit
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Emergency Preparedness Gift Ideas
- Food Safety
- Financial Preparedness
- Home Security Checklist
- Nuclear Safety Checklist
- Personal EP Kit
- Pet Preparedness
- Red Cross 21 Weeks to Prepare-English
- Red Cross 21 Weeks to Prepare-Spanish
- Suggested Emergency Preparedness Kit Contents
- Suggestions for Organizing Vital Records
- Where to Purchase EP Items
- All above in one file

Web resources

- Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Los Angeles area, www.areslax.org
- American Radio Relay League—advocates for amateur radio, www.arrl.org
- American Red Cross National organization, www.redcross.org
- American Red Cross, Los Angeles, www.redcrossla.org

- American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)—preparing pets for disaster, <http://bit.ly/1YyGS9w>
- Business & Industry Council for Emergency Planning & Preparedness, www.bicepp.org
- Cal OES My Hazards—find local hazards, <http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/>
- California Emergency Management Agency, www.oes.ca.gov
- Center for Children with Special Needs—preparedness information, <http://bit.ly/2nQaHdh>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—valuable information, <https://www.cdc.gov/features/>
- City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department, www.emergency.lacity.org
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Los Angeles, www.cert-la.com
- Earthquake Country Alliance/Southern California Earthquake Center, www.earthquakecountry.info/roots
- Earthquake Country Alliance/Southern California Earthquake Center SPANISH <https://www.terremotos.org/>
- EMD’s Facebook Account: www.facebook.com/ReadyLA
- EMD’s Twitter Account: www.twitter.com/ReadyLA
- Emergency Management- LA CITY: www.emergency.lacity.org
- Emergency Preparedness Tips – LA CITY: www.emergency.lacity.org/get-prepared
- Emergency Prep – LA CITY: City of Los Angeles Emergency Operation Organization: www.lacity.org/epd
- Emergency Survival Program - LA COUNTY: www.espfocus.org
- Emergency Prep-STATE: California Emergency Preparedness Office: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx>
- Emergency Prep HOMELAND SECURITY: U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Citizen Preparedness Website <http://www.ready.gov>
- FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency -NATIONAL, www.fema.gov
- FEMA Ready list español, www.listo.gov
- FEMA Ready website, www.ready.gov
- LA County Alert system, www.lacounty.gov/emergency/alert-la
- LA County Dept. Public Health, <http://bereadyla.org>
- LAFD Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS), www.lafdacs.org
- LAFD website, www.lafd.org
- LAFD Ready Set Go: <https://www.lafd.org/safety/education/ready-set-go>
- LAPD, other police and public safety agency alerts, www.nixle.com
- Notify LA, sign up for alerts, <http://emergency.lacity.org/notifyla>
- Pet Safe Coalition, www.petsafecoalition.org
- Prepare LA Now, PrepareLANow.org
- Ready LA, ReadyLA.org
- Red Cross LA CITY: <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles>
- Red Cross Disaster Prep: Red Cross disaster preparedness information www.redcross.org/services/disaster/

- Reunification Systems: www.fema.gov/how-do-i-find-my-family
- The Great California ShakeOut, www.shakeout.org
- The RED (Recovery Emergency Disaster) Guide to Recovery, www.theredguidetorecovery.com

PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR PHONE’S CONTACTS LIST FOR FAST ACCESS:

POLICE EMERGENCY	911 for emergency, crime in progress, threat to life/limb/property. TEXT 911
POLICE NON-EMERGENT	1-877-ASK-LAPD for non-emergency, report of suspicious behavior
POLICE DISPATCH NON-EMERGENT	1-213-928-8223 non-emergency, report of suspicious behavior
POLICE CRIME STOPPERS	1-800-222-8477 anonymous tip line
PATROL	(put your patrol company # here)_____
BLOCK CAPTAIN	(put your block captain’s # here)_____
FOR CITY RELATED ISSUES	311 or use app MYLA311 for reporting encampments, graffiti, bulky item pick up and more
HOMELESS OUTREACH PORTAL	LA-HOP.org
LA Dept of Transportation	323-957-6843 or app LADOT ladot.lacity.org
ABANDONDED CARS	1-800-222-6366

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Staying calm will help you to better respond to questions ask by the dispatcher. Be prepared to give as much information as possible such as your name, address and phone number; location, what is happening, if it is a crime or suspected crime – a description of the suspect, suspect vehicle, direction of travel, and license plate. **WHEN IN DOUBT – CALL IT IN!**

#2 - Call your Private Patrol after you call LAPD.

Patrol Dispatch #: _____

#3 - Do not confront persons with suspicious behavior

#4 - Report suspicious activity to your Senior Lead Officer cell: _____ email: _____

#5 - Alert your neighbors - consider BAND app TEXT ALERT or nextdoor.com ALERT to notify neighbors immediately

#6 - Notify your block captain by calling/text/email. BLOCK CAPTAIN: _____

4. CITY & GOVERNMENT & MISC WEBSITES

- TRACK CRIME in your area: <https://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/losangeles>
- Be part of your neighborhood’s SOCIAL WEBSITE – you can learn a lot - [nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)
- Find your City Council District: <https://www.lacity.org/your-government/elected-officials/city-council/map-districts>
- Contact your councilman: <https://www.lacity.org/your-government/elected-officials/city-council/council-directory>
- Find your senior lead officer: <http://www.lapdwilshire.com/wilshire-senior-lead-officers.html>
- LAPD Crime Prevention: http://www.lapdonline.org/crime_prevention
- Neighborhood Social Network: [nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)
- BULKY ITEM PICK UP <https://www.lacity.org/for-residents/popular-services/bulky-item-collectiondisposal>
- CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- HEALTH SERVICES: Los Angeles County Department of Health Services - Public Health: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

- LA CITY WEBSITE: L.A. City website: <http://www.211losangeles.org/Index.asp>
- LA COUNTY WEBSITE: <http://www.lacounty.info/>
- SPECIAL EVENTS: Special events: permit for block party
<http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents/>
- STREET SERVICES: Bureau of Street Services Investigation & Enforcement Division at (213) 847-6000 <http://bss.lacity.org/>

5. LAW/LEGAL/ASSEMBLY BILL/PROPOSITIONS & MORE:

- [Castle Doctrine: 198.5 P.C. – Guidelines for using force within your own home](#)
- [Batons: 22295 P.C. – Peace officers, security guards can carry with completed training certificate. “Guard Card”](#)
- [Tear Gas: 22810 P.C. - Possess/Purchase tear gas weapons. Must be less than 2.5 ounces](#)
- [Knives: 21390 P.C. – Carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. Fixed blade, sharp on both sides](#)
- [Assembly Bill 109/117](#)
- [Proposition 47](#)
- [Proposition 57](#)
- [Update to Prop 57](#)

6. TERRORISM

<http://www.lapdonline.org/iwatchla>

<https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>