



Block Clubs and Apartment Clubs

What resources are available to block/apartment clubs through the Minneapolis Police Department?

- Informational flyers and brochures on many crime prevention topics including:
 - 911
 - Apartment crime prevention
 - Burglary prevention
 - Burglar alarms
 - Graffiti removal
 - Home security
 - Personal safety
 - Rental property management
 - Vandalism
 - Vehicle theft and theft from vehicle
 - Youth crime prevention
 - Watch Force signs
- Crime maps and statistics for your neighborhood, which can give a realistic picture of crime and help you decide on appropriate prevention strategies. The crime maps and statistics are available online at www.minneapolismn.gov/police/statistics/index.htm
- Crime alerts issued by the Minneapolis Police Department, when there is an identified and verified crime pattern in a specific geographic area, in a limited period of time, and with a similar method of operation. The alerts allow citizens to take preventive measures and increase the chances of apprehension.
- Crime prevention information and crime trends via e-mail alert system. Sign-up at www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert/police_crimealert_signup

What is an apartment or block club?

Neighbors who:

- Work together to be alert and watch out for each other.
- Call 911 when they see suspicious activity or crimes in progress.
- Work to solve problems and deal with issues.

How can we get a block or apartment club started?

1. One or more neighbors volunteers to be the block/apartment club leaders. It's best to have more than one person to share the responsibilities.
2. These volunteers attend **Block Leader Training** through their crime prevention specialist. At the training, volunteers learn:
 - Crime prevention information.
 - Use of 911.
 - How to organize their neighbors and run effective meetings.
 - How to keep the club active.
 - Resources available from the Minneapolis Police Department.

ACTIVITIES FOR BLOCK CLUBS



How often do block/apartment clubs have to meet?

The Minneapolis Police Department recommends two or more meetings or social events per year to maintain contact, meet new neighbors, and address any block issues. One of these events is usually a National Night Out block party (the first Tuesday of August). The level and type of activity beyond that is up to the block/apartment club.

What are the benefits of organizing a block or apartment club?

- Have fun getting to know your neighbors and improve the quality of life in your community.
- Working as a team, neighbors can deter crime.
- Crime prevention specialist provides regular information about crime in your neighborhood to block and apartment clubs.
- As part of the Minneapolis Police Department block/apartment club network, you can hear about other successes and ideas which can help you.

Minneapolis Police Department crime prevention specialists (CPS)

Each police precinct has crime prevention specialists working with residents to:

- reduce the opportunity for crime.
- deal effectively with the fear of crime.
- resolve neighborhood problems.
- increase cooperative efforts between community and police.
- increase community cohesiveness.

Crime prevention specialists are assigned to geographic areas of the city known as police sectors. Each CPS works closely with the block and apartment clubs in their sector.

Apartment or block clubs receive:

- crime prevention information, success stories, and upcoming events.
- crime statistics for your neighborhood upon request.
- assistance with neighborhood problems and issues.

Other free programs offered through the Minneapolis Police Department

Home security demonstrations are presented to provide information on low- and no-cost ways to secure homes and garages.

Personal safety workshops are presented regularly to provide information on avoiding and de-escalating confrontations in various settings.

Security surveys are available for residents and businesses. Crime prevention specialists inspect the home or business and provide individualized recommendations on methods to better secure it.

If you are interested in starting a block or apartment club, for more information, contact your crime prevention specialist. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see

www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police_outreach_safe-teams to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm>.



English: Attention. If you want help translating this information, call 612-673-3737

Spanish: Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llame 612-673-2700

Somali: Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500

Hmong: Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800

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