Crime Prevention is a pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed at both reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the sense of safety and security.

We encourage you to take part in our community and Business Watch program and learn Crime Prevention methods for:

- **WORKPLACE VIOLENCE**
- **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (C.P.T.E.D.)**
- **SECURITY SYSTEMS & FALSE ALARMS**
- **GRAFFITI/GANG ACTIVITY**
- **VANDALISM**
- **CAR PROWLING & PARKING LOT SAFETY**
- **BURGLARY & ROBBERY PREVENTION**
- **TERRORISM**
- **SHOPLIFTING**

For assistance in organizing a Business Watch in your area, contact any of the Spokane C.O.P.S. Shops or call (509) 625-3301.

More information at: www.spokanecops.org
Business Watch is a program of Spokane C.O.P.S., similar to the Block Watch Program for neighborhoods. Businesses are encouraged to join and participate in partnership with their local C.O.P.S. Substation and the Spokane Police Department to make the Spokane business community safe and to reduce crime that affects them.

A Business Watch Program involves:

- Business people getting to know each other and working together in a mutual assistance program.
- Employees being trained to recognize and report suspicious activities and people to the police department.
- Employees being trained to handle emergencies, be a good witness, and learn crime prevention techniques.
- Crime prevention training available for businesses on the following subjects: Shoplifting, Armed Robbery, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Fraud, Forgery and Commercial Burglary.
- Security survey of your business.

Requirements:

- Have a Business Watch participant serve as a liaison with the Neighborhood Conditions Officer, police and C.O.P.S. Substations.
- Have at least one employee attend a basic Business Watch training session. This employee will then train other employees.
- Provide the local C.O.P.S. Substation with a map and floor plan/layout containing the business name, address, business and home phone numbers for emergency contacts.

As part of the Business Watch program, metal Business Watch signs, similar to Block Watch signs, are available at a minimal cost to be put on street directional posts or private property (such as fences). Also available are window clings to alert potential thieves and troublemakers that employees of the businesses have been trained, other crime prevention measures have been taken and they WILL report all suspicious activities to fellow merchants and law enforcement.

Each participating business is also encouraged to:

- Develop emergency procedures in the event of a robbery, sudden illness, natural disaster, etc.
- Develop and train employees in recommended opening and closing procedures, handling money drops and bank deposits.
- Conduct a self security survey to better secure the building against burglary, robbery and shoplifting.

If you own or operate a business in the City of Spokane and are interested in the Business Watch Program, please call Spokane C.O.P.S. at 625-3301, or log onto: www.spokanecops.org.

Crime Prevention: The anticipation, recognition and appraisal of crime risk and the initiation of an action to remove or reduce the risk.