

## Information Needed When Reporting Suspicious Activity

- ◆ What happened
- ◆ When
- ◆ Where
- ◆ Is anyone injured
- ◆ Vehicle description & license number
- ◆ Direction of flight
- ◆ Description of person(s) involved — clothing, age, race, sex, height & weight

## Protect Your Property

- ◆ Keep your home & property well lit. Criminals prefer the cover of darkness. Use timer lights inside.
- ◆ Don't put a chain across your driveway. It's a sure sign that no one is home, or a cabin is rarely used.
- ◆ Keep sheds and out buildings locked when not at home.
- ◆ Trim shrubs to deny criminals a hiding place to work.
- ◆ Use an engraving tool to mark all electronics.
- ◆ Inventory & photograph / video your property.

## Important Numbers

Mason County Sheriff's Department  
9-1-1

Mason County Non-Emergency  
360-426-7761

Lake Cushman Security  
360-877-5215

Emergency Afterhours Water  
360-490-6549

Poison Center  
800-222-1222

Suicide Prevention  
800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline  
360-432-1212

Missing Children & Adults  
800-543-5678

The Crisis Clinic of  
Mason & Thurston County  
360-586-2800

Mental Crisis Team  
360-754-1338

Teen or Youth  
360-586-2777

Adult Protective Services  
360-968-4247

Lake Cushman Block Watch

Block Watch Information, Resources,  
and Downloadable Forms

[www.blockwatch.lakecushman.us](http://www.blockwatch.lakecushman.us)

# Lake Cushman

## Block Watch Program

Division #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Division Representative is:

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Division Rep's Contact Info:

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## What is Block Watch?

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The Lake Cushman Block Watch Program has been in operation since March 2011. We partner with our full-time Mason County Sheriff's Deputy & Lake Cushman Security Team. In addition, we partner with Lake Cushman Maintenance Company, Firewise,.

The Block Watch Managers, Division Representatives, LCMC Security, and our Sheriff's Deputy meet monthly April - October. to discuss community problems, ways to improve Block Watch, and to plan Block Watch events.

We're a community of several hundred who are focused on watching out for one another to help ensure our safety & well-being.

**We are not law enforcement and cannot act as such.**

## Why Block Watch?

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- ◆ It works! Throughout the county dramatic decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement in communities with active Block Watch programs.
- ◆ Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children are involved in many activities that keep them away from home. In our Lake Cushman communities there are many home that are only used for vacations and on weekends. An empty home / cabin in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a prime target for burglary. We encourage you to get to know your neighbors.
- ◆ Block Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns.

## Block Watch Goals

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Our goal is to reduce crime by:

- ◆ Educating the community
- ◆ Increasing reporting
- ◆ Improving communication between neighbors
- ◆ Improving communication between neighborhood groups and the Sheriff's Department

## Block Watch Motto: Observe, Report, and Document

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- ◆ Block Watch Representatives adhere to this protocol of **Observe, Report & Document**. *We are not law enforcement and cannot act as such.*
- ◆ Neighbor within our community must adhere to the same protocol of **Observe, Report & Document**. Confrontation should **always** be avoided.
- ◆ Law enforcement agencies function more effectively with the assistance of concerned, responsible citizens. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, call law enforcement. Please don't assume someone else already has. Don't worry about "bothering" the authorities, that's what they are there for. **Make the call.**

## What is Suspicious Activity?

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- ◆ Basically, anything that seems even slightly "out of place" for your area or during the time of day in which it occurs may mean criminal activity.
- ◆ The authorities would rather investigate a possible crime situation than be called after the fact—when it is too late. **Your call could save a life, prevent an injury or stop a criminal act.**