



Emerald Isle NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



Quick Reference List (QRL)

of Recommended Security and Safety Measures

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. **NEVER approach or otherwise confront people engaged in suspicious activity.**

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING.....SAY SOMETHING!

When you observe any suspicious or criminal activity call 252-726-7911 or call 911 if it is urgent! After you report to the police it is recommended that you also call your Neighborhood Watch Street Captain to advise him or her of your observations.

The following tips are actions you may take to help 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 may deter theft.
4. **Have a plan in case a hurricane evacuation is necessary:** More information found at: <https://www.emeraldisle-nc.org/222/Hurricane-Information> or download the new Emerald Isle App (visit the App Store or Google Play)
5. **Create an inventory of items of value** to include; serial numbers, photos, etc.
6. **Install a security alarm system for your home** and use it.
7. **Consider installing wide-angle peepholes for outside doors** at heights everyone can use to identify unexpected visitors.
8. **Install motion detection lights** to enhance outdoor security.
9. **Consider purchasing timers to turn on outside and inside lights**
10. **Have a checklist for vacation absences:**
 - a- Unplug all unnecessary appliances, televisions, stereo's 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- full time residents can sign up for our House Watch program when out of town <https://emeraldisle-nc-services.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/26222> .
 - 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)
 - b- Building materials or other items being removed from a construction site.
12. **Call The Public Works Office at 252-354-4450:**
 - a- To report any streetlights not working (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.