

## Neighborhood Watch Meeting

### Part 2 Lecture: Neighborhood Watch Meeting

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2. The number of car thefts has almost doubled.
3. Did you know that in half of all burglaries, 50 percent, the burglars enter through unlocked doors or windows?

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#### Part 1

**Police Officer:** Good evening. My name is Officer Jenkins. Thanks for inviting me tonight. OK, so, as you know, there have been a number of break-ins recently in your neighborhood, and even though it's true that there's been very little violent crime, um, especially compared to other parts of the city, burglary and car theft are both up in this area. Let me give you some statistics. OK, a year ago there were . . . 48 burglaries in your area; this year it's gone up to 60 so far, and the number of car thefts has almost doubled, too. Now, I'm not here to try to scare you. What I want to do tonight is to give you some simple suggestions that will make your homes and automobiles safer. OK?

So first of all, let's talk about lights outside the house. If you live in a house, you need to have lights both in the front of your house and in the back, and be sure to turn on those lights at night. In my opinion this is the most important thing you can do to prevent burglaries.

Next, let's talk about lights inside the house. It's . . .

**Woman in Audience:** Excuse me, what about apartments? I mean, I live in an apartment building . . .

**Police Officer:** Yeah, good question. If you live in an apartment building, you want to have good, bright lighting in the garage, the hallways, and by the door to your apartment. If a light is broken, don't ignore it. Report it to your manager immediately. And whether you live in

a house or an apartment, it's a good idea to put automatic timers on your lights. You know what a timer is, right? It's like a clock that turns on your lights automatically, so it looks like someone is home even if you're out. Are you with me on that?

All right, then . . . the next topic I want to discuss is locks. First of all, forget cheap locks 'cause they're not safe. Every door in your place should have a deadbolt . . . um, a deadbolt at least one inch thick. Also, there are special locks you can buy for your windows. By the way, did you know that in half of all burglaries, 50 percent, the burglars enter through unlocked doors or windows? I'm telling you, even in a peaceful neighborhood like this, where you know all your neighbors, you have to get into the habit of keeping your windows and doors locked.

#### Part 2

**Police Officer:** OK, now let's move on and talk about how you can prevent car theft. First, if you have a garage, use it for your car, not for your ping-pong table! But seriously, the most important thing is—and I hope this is . . . obvious—if you've got valuables in the car, hide them in the trunk. Don't leave them out on the seat, not even for five minutes! Last week we got a report from a guy who left his laptop on the car seat while he ran in to buy a cup of coffee. When he came back it was gone. The thief just broke the car window and reached in and took it. And also . . .

**Man in Audience:** What about a car alarm?

**Police Officer:** Well, most research shows that noisy alarms don't do anything to prevent car theft. It's better to have the kind of device thieves can see, like a lock on your steering wheel. But the best thing of all is just to lock your car and keep valuables out of sight.

All right. Now my last point is what you, as neighbors, can do to help each other. The main thing is that when you go on vacation, ask someone to watch your house for you, to collect your mail, take in your newspaper, stuff like that. Also, if you see something unusual, like a strange van or truck in your neighbor's driveway, or people carrying furniture out, don't go out there and try to stop it. Just call the police! And one more thing. Each of you should put this Neighborhood Watch decal—

this picture right here of the man in a coat looking over his shoulder—in your front window. This tells criminals that this area has a Neighborhood Watch and that someone might be watching them. OK, are there any questions?

**Man in Audience:** Yeah, there's something I want to know . . . *Do you think it's a good idea to keep a gun in the house?*

**Police Officer:** Well now, that is a very complicated question. I think that it's a bad idea to have a gun in your house, especially if you have kids. Thousands of people die in gun accidents each year in this country. So, in my opinion, it's just not safe to have a gun in your house. But of course it *is* legal to have a gun, if that's what you want. Just make sure you get the proper license and that you take a course in gun safety, OK? All right. Anything else?

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##### Conversation 1

**Manager:** Yes? Who is it?

**Tenant:** It's Donna from 206. I've got a check for you.

**Manager:** Oh, it's you. Do you know it's the fifth of the month?

**Tenant:** Yes, Mr. Bradley. I'm sorry. I know it was due on the first, but my grandma got sick, and I had to go out of town suddenly.

**Question 1:** Who is the man?

**Manager:** Look, my job as manager here is to collect the rent on the first. If you're late again next month you'll have to look for another place to live.

##### Conversation 2

**Tenant:** OK, Mr. Bradley. But look, while I'm here, I need to talk to you about a couple of things.

**Manager:** Yeah?

**Tenant:** First, about the cockroaches. They're all over the kitchen again. I'm sick of them!

**Manager:** Have you used the spray I gave you?

**Tenant:** It's no good. I need something stronger to kill those horrible bugs *once and for all*.

**Question 2:** Who will the manager probably need to call?

**Manager:** OK, I'll call the exterminator next week.

##### Conversation 3

**Tenant:** Next week?! Last week you said you'd fix the hole in the ceiling, and you still haven't done that! I'm fed up with waiting for you to fix things around here!

**Question 3:** What can you guess about Donna's apartment?

**Tenant:** Why should I pay so much rent for a place in such bad condition?

**Manager:** Well, you're not the only tenant in this building. If you don't like it, why don't you move out?

##### Conversation 4

**John:** Hi, Donna. What do you need this time?

**Donna:** Hello, John. A couple of eggs. Do you mind?

**John:** No, come on in.

**Question 4:** How does John feel about Donna's request?

**Donna:** Thanks so much, John!

**John:** You're welcome!

##### Conversation 5

**John:** Hi, Donna. What do you need this time?

**Donna:** Hello, John. A couple of eggs. Do you mind?

**John:** No, come on in.

**Question 5:** How does John feel about Donna's request?

**Donna:** Thanks, John.

**John:** OK, but next time go ask somebody else, all right?

## ملخص القطعة :

تتكلم عن شخص مهنته بوليس اوفسر اسمه Jenkins ويعطيهم نصائح بشأن يتفادو السرقات في المنازل والشقق والسياره ، وقال قصه شخص نسي الاب توب على مقعد السياره وراح يشتري كوب قهوه ولما رجع مالقه وتكلم عن منبه السيارات ، وتكلم عن أخطار اقتناء مسدس في المنزل بلنسبه للأطفال ، واذا كان لازم لابد من الحصول على الرخصة لحمله .

## اسئلة على القطعة :

-The officer advised:

- A) **Open lights inside and outside the home**
- B) Open lights inside the house and shut out of the house
- C) Shut lights inside and outside the home
- D) Shut lights inside the house and outside the home opened

-The officer advised using the lock of the type:

- A) Cheap
- B) **expensive**
- C) Normal
- D) deadbolt

-The officer advised:

- A) Doors lock to leave the windows open
- B) **Lock doors and windows**
- C) Lock the windows and leave doors
- D) Leave windows and doors open

-Advised the officer stopped the car in:

- A) **Garage**
- B) Street
- C) at the door of the house
- D) At the police station

-How neighbors help each other:

- A) **Watching some houses in vacations and informed the police while watching a strange movement**
- B) Live in each other's homes
- C) Entering houses and paid with robbers
- D) Do not do anything