

## JOIN BUSINESS WATCH TODAY

Business Watch is a crime prevention program that encourages an active collaboration between business owners and employees to help reduce crime. Business Watch programs have proven to be a very effective way of preventing crime at business and in commercial areas.



### Renton Police Business Watch Facebook Group

Local business owners in Renton can join the Renton Police Business Watch Group on Facebook for crime prevention tips and to network with other local businesses in Renton. It's easy to join, just search for "Renton Police Business Watch" on Facebook and submit a request.



*To report suspicious activity, crimes in progress, or to file a police report, please call 9-1-1.*



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# BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM



## City of Renton POLICE DEPARTMENT



## IS YOUR BUSINESS A TARGET FOR CRIME?

Any business can become a target for crime. If you remain casual about crime, you may become a casualty. The goal of Business Watch is to help prevent and/or reduce business-related crimes and teach businesses how to be less of a target.

## WHAT IS BUSINESS WATCH?

A FREE program that educates business owners and employees on crime prevention techniques and strategies they can use to help reduce business related crimes.

In-house loss prevention personnel can be a great asset, but businesses have other great assets that are often overlooked: reception staff, cashiers, janitors, maintenance personnel, and other employees.

*The Business Watch program focuses on teaching employees crime prevention techniques.*



## WHY BUSINESS WATCH?

Renton police officers cannot be on every corner, so community involvement is essential to combating crime.

Similar to neighbors involved in Block Watch programs, business owners and employees are most knowledgeable about their business community and are the foundation of Business Watch programs.

## REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND PEOPLE

A major component of Business Watch is providing additional eyes and ears within your business community and reporting suspicious activity to the Renton Police Department.

Suspicious persons and activities are more noticeable to employees through natural observation of their working environment. Who better to recognize a problem situation than someone who is familiar with the area?

You and your employees are the best defense against potential crimes.

By collaborating with each other and with law enforcement, businesses can help fight crime in their commercial districts before it begins.

## FREE TRAINING

The Renton Police Department offers free crime prevention training to Renton businesses and their employees. Class topics may include:

- » Burglary prevention
- » Workplace violence
- » Personal safety
- » Shoplifting
- » Robbery protocol
- » Recognizing suspicious activity

## FREE SECURITY SURVEYS

The Renton Police Department offers free crime prevention surveys to enhance business security. A crime prevention specialist will visit your business to conduct the survey and will provide recommendations to make your business less attractive to criminals.

The security survey may include recommendations about locks, lighting, security systems, doors, windows, cash handling procedures, and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

