

Urban Living Means Safety In Numbers!

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Meet the Neighbours and work together...

Thousands of single people in flats, townhouses or complexes are often very lonely and feeling unsafe. Yet there are ways to improve safety in your complex or neighbourhood and also make friends!

Among the first steps would be to meet the people managing the block of flats or townhouse complex.

Attend the meetings and get to know your neighbours. Many may feel just like you about matters and you can suggest ways to improve security - like a notice board at the gate or entrance for communal notices or even alerts about suspicious people or cars seen hovering around.

Remember, enthusiasm is infectious!

- ◆ Ask for the contact numbers of your neighbours and give them yours for contact in an emergency.
- ◆ Help each other by collecting their mail and switching lights on, watering house plants and feeding pets while they are away. Neighbourliness can secure a peaceful and safe place.
- ◆ One benefit is that strangers are instantly noticed.
- ◆ Another possibility would be to join the local community policing forum to know what is being done to combat crime.

It will become easier to sleep at night.

Go online to find out more about personal safety at several websites.

- Those living in Cape Town can visit www.capegateway.gov.za . Click on Directories, then Facilities, Crime & Safety and Neighbourhood Watches.
- People in Gauteng can visit www.gautsafety.gpg.gov.za
- KwaZulu-Natal people can go to www.kzncomsafety.gov.za
- Otherwise visit www.eblockwatch.co.za Membership is free and post news of crime in their area. Alerts are sent out via SMS or e-mail

To start a Neighbourhood Watch go to the website www.neighbourhoodwatch.co.za

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