

The Best Defense Against Crime is You

Walkers and runners can help maintain safe neighborhoods by keeping their eyes and ears open for anything suspicious. No one knows a neighborhood better than those who live, walk and run there.

The next time you're out and about, look around to help prevent crime.

Check here for pointers about what to look for and how to respond. For information about the Walker Watcher program, call Deputy Brian Burke at 433-0152 or send an email to burkeb@mcshiosheriff.org



**Walker Watcher Program:
Keeping Neighborhoods
Safe One Step at a Time.**



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Keeping Neighborhoods Safe One Step at a Time





Crime Can Happen Anywhere

Crime can occur in any neighborhood, even in safer communities such as Washington Township. No area is immune.

In our area, the most common incidents are property crimes, which include thefts from automobiles and homes.

Walkers and runners are uniquely qualified to spot a property crime in progress and to identify the actions of criminals who are preparing to commit a crime. If you're a walker or runner, you can help stop crime before it happens!

Walkers & Runners - Help Keep Neighborhoods Safe One Step at a Time



Look Around

When running or walking in your neighborhood, look around for anything that seems out of place. This might include:

- An unfamiliar vehicle driving slowly
- The sound of glass breaking
- A person looking in car windows
- Someone checking the handles of a door on a house or vehicle
- Someone walking around the perimeter of a house

Observe Important Details

If you spot a suspicious person, make note of his or her appearance and clothing so that you can provide a useful description. If you see a suspicious vehicle, note its license plate number and make, model and color, along with the direction the vehicle was traveling. Note if there's something unique about it, such as dents, wheel covers, or bumper stickers.

Report What You See

If you see something that doesn't seem right, make note of the details and, if it's safe to do so, take a photo on your cell phone. Report your information to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, even if you think it might turn out to be unfounded. Law enforcement officials would rather respond to a false alarm than overlook any criminal activity. Deputies are on call around the clock expressly so that they can respond to citizen tips and concerns.

- **If something raises your suspicion -** Call the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at 225-HELP (4357).
- **If you think you may be observing a theft or break-in in progress -** Call 911.

