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## Neighbourhood Watch Week 6th-12th October 2018

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### Neighbourhood Watch Week 2018 – Neighbours can be your No. 1 crime prevention tool.

Neighbourhood Watch Week is an annual event recognised throughout Australia and New Zealand. This year it takes place from Saturday 6th October to Friday 12th October.

The week aims to encourage residents to get to know their neighbours as a community safety initiative.

Neighbourhood Watch NT President, Ms. Jenny Malone said, "This year Neighbourhood Watch Week is bigger and better than ever." We want all Territorians to feel connected in their community, so we are offering many ways to get involved".

Neighbourhood Watch NT, and its members will be hosting events throughout the week. Jenny said, "We want Territorians to connect with their neighbours in a way that works for them, and their community. During this Week we are also door knocking and talking to residents, if we don't get a chance to talk to you please go online and fill in our survey. We are hoping this will help us to understand the local issues. This will help us to deliver more relevant and effective programs". Jenny acknowledged the support of the Northern Territory Police, who will be assisting in many of the week's events.

NT Police Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton added, "Knowing your neighbours can be a good way to minimise preventable crime. Neighbours often know your routines and notice when something unusual occurs at your property. "One way is to use the Neighbourhood Watch "Knock Knock" resource." Senior Constable Middleton explained "It's easy and free to use. Download the "Knock Knock" flyer, fill in your details and drop it in your neighbour's letterbox".



There is also a Neighbourhood Watch NT Facebook competition with the chance to win a home security system.

Neighbourhood Watch Week also coincides with the start of a new membership structure for Neighbourhood Watch NT. Jenny said “This new restructure will make it easier to join. The new membership process is a simple online form that takes a few minutes to complete”

For more information on how to get involved visit [www.nhwnt.org.au](http://www.nhwnt.org.au)

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