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## Introduction

Summertime brings a lot of residents outdoors. Neighborhoods can be places full of folks in their yard, walking, bicycling, etc. But, studies tell us that most people don't even know 50% of their neighbors. What if a neighbor was in jeopardy? If a neighbor became ill, had fallen or worse. Would you recognize that something "just isn't right"? Would you respond? If yes, how? Or, is it really your business?

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Name not shown in Cincinnati

July 22, 2010, 6:29 PM

We do know most of our neighbors and look out for each other - watch houses when people are out of town, check in with people if anything strange or concerning is going on, etc. Most people on the street make it a point to introduce ourselves when new people move in and we have a few social events during the year. That said, not everyone wants to be social or even acknowledge their neighbors, which is sad.

Lela Groene in Montgomery

July 22, 2010, 11:15 AM

We know most neighbors on our street and the adjoining street well, and are acquainted with several on other streets in our small neighborhood. We watch out for each other, know each others' kids/grandkids, cars (including cars of extended family), and usual habits of coming-and-going. The diversity of ages, family constellations and work status in our area provides an opportunity for multiple sets of eyes to be "on the lookout" pretty much any time of day or night. We have annual social occasions and a book club to bring us together, too. I could cite many wonderful examples of our neighbors being "nosy" in the good way. The neighborly relationships make our neighborhood a safe and engaging place to live.

Ann Scranton in Cincinnati

July 22, 2010, 11:12 AM

I live in a community where people wave as cars pass, whether they know the person or not. Where neighbors greet each other as they walk on the street and often gather together for impromptu get-togethers. In my neighborhood, when you go on vacation, surrounding neighbors water plants, watch pets, gather mail & watch over your home. Together we celebrate life, we mourn loss, and we commiserate over coffee, wine and the occasional margarita. We look out for each other, and I couldn't imagine living in a better place.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

July 22, 2010, 10:17 AM

In our neighborhood we are acquaintances, but do not often socialize. Occasionally we email each other with "watch-outs", and neighbors can always be counted on to check one's home or water the plants while one is away. However, because almost all families on the street are busy working families, I do not think most people would be aware if something was amiss in someone else's house. If someone did find out, they would let the other neighbors know, and everyone would help.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

July 22, 2010, 9:32 AM

We live in a small cul de sac and know all our neighbors well. We look out for each other and keep an eye out for anything unusual going on. I don't believe that is interfering, in fact I appreciate the concern.

Name not shown in Montgomery

July 21, 2010, 10:02 PM

How lucky our family is to live in our neighborhood because we do indeed know all of our neighbors and they know our family. Village Green subdivision has several yearly neighborhood gatherings where new families can become acquainted with the neighborhood and old friends can re-connect. We love our neighbors, neighborhood and our location in Montgomery