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# HOMEWATCH GROUP GUIDELINES

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**Neighbourhood groups are a great way to build safer, stronger and more resilient communities**

These guidelines are based on the policies adopted by the Neighbourhood Watch Network. They will help ensure you don't accidentally go against any legislation.

## **Fairness, respect and courtesy:**

- Treat your members (and anyone else) fairly and with respect
- Don't discriminate against anybody regardless of their race, sex, religion or any other characteristic they may possess
- Try and be inclusive to all sectors of the local community

## **Responsibilities and accountability:**

- Be aware of the points of view of all members
- Keep an eye on what is being said / done in the group and challenge inappropriate behaviour
- Keep members informed if you make decisions which affect the group
- Think about the impact on the local community of any actions taken / views expressed by your group

## **Confidentiality:**

- Respect other people's privacy
- Take care how you store (and use) personal data. Don't pass on contact details without the permission of the individual concerned

## **Conduct:**

- Don't behave in a way which would bring discredit to your own group or the groups of others.

## **Honesty:**

- Keep records if your group deals with any money
- Watch out for conflicts of interest