



On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, residents across the City of Columbia will turn on their porch lights for National Night Out, an annual event promoting neighborhood safety.

National Night Out (NNO) is a unique community event, celebrated in the United States and Canada, that focuses on prevention of crime and drug activity.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten community awareness of crime and drug prevention
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations and develop partnerships
- Promote emergency preparedness awareness
- Lets criminals know that neighborhoods are organized in fighting crime and sends a message to criminals that the neighborhoods are fighting back.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

- Get your neighbors to turn on their porch lights
- Meet your neighbors at a block party or barbecue
- Involve your family in organized activities
- Invite police, fire, or EMS personnel to your party

Outdoor Lighting helps keep your neighborhood sidewalks, roadways, and alleyways safe. Remember, lighting is among the easiest ways to deter crime.

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National Night Out is designed to fight crime and prevent drugs in neighborhoods. This event is usually celebrated by neighborhoods turning their porch lights on and joining their neighbors outside for a block party, potluck, or ice cream social.

On National Night Out, police officers, fire fighters and city officials will visit any block party that is registered with the department to talk about crime prevention, neighborhood concerns and pass out fun stuff to the kids. It's a great way to get acquainted with your neighbors and the heroes committed to serving and protecting you every day.