

# Block Parents Needed

IT'S SIMPLE - IT'S EFFECTIVE - IT'S FREE



TRUSTY CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE!



## BLOCK PARENT® PROGRAM OF WINNIPEG, INC.

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## THE BLOCK PARENT® PROGRAM



The Block Parent® Program has been operating in Winnipeg since 1975, helping to make our communities safer. An elected volunteer board manages the program in the 172 elementary school communities in Winnipeg. An annual grant from the Winnipeg Police Service provides most of the operating funds necessary.



### Commonly Asked Questions:

*"Can I be a Block Parent® if I work all day?"*

YES! Most children are in school during the day. More CASUAL Block Parent® homes are needed. Putting your sign up on evenings and/or weekends is a big help.

*"Do I have to be a parent?"*

NO! If you care about safer communities and are over the age of 18, you could be a Block Parent®.

*"Do I have to open my door to strangers?"*

NO! If you feel uneasy, the individual can stay outside while you call the police or other necessary person.

*"Aren't there enough Block Parents?"*

NO! For Winnipeg there are 2 registered Block Parents per 1000 population. **THAT IS NOT ENOUGH "SAFE HOMES"!**

*"What does a Block Parent® do?"*

The Block Parent® window sign is shown only when someone over the age of 18 is available to answer the door. If the sign is not displayed this does not mean that no one is home, only that the Block Parent® is not available to offer immediate assistance.

A Block Parent® may be called upon to offer his or her home as a place of safety when someone is:

- *bullied* • *lost or hurt*
- *caught in severe weather*
- *frightened by a stranger*

A Block Parent® assists persons in distress by telephoning the appropriate emergency service when necessary.

Children and others have been taught to look for the familiar red and white Block Parent® sign in times of distress.

Block Parents are at work every day, helping to make your community safer for everyone - especially children.

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## TO BECOME A BLOCK PARENT® HOME

A Winnipeg Police Criminal Record Check (CR) and a Child Abuse Registry Check (CAR) are performed at no charge for everyone in the home 18 years and over.

Call, email or mail the Block Parent® office for the forms to be sent out and for further information. You may also download a Block Parent® application from our website.



*The only volunteer job you can do from your couch!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A BLOCK PARENT®, CONTACT US:

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