



Ontario Block Parent® Program Inc.

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A NEW BEGINNING

Out with the old ...



in with the new ...



Effective January 1, 2009, the familiar red and white Block Parent® window sign that has been a beacon of safety in thousands of homes across Canada will officially join the archives of Block Parent® history. In its place, a brand new sign with enhanced security and tracking features will be proudly displayed by all Block Parent® volunteers signifying that their homes are safe places to go should anyone find themselves in difficult, threatening or frightening situations and need immediate help. The new sign, combined with improved application, screening and approval procedures for Program volunteers, will ensure the Block Parent® Program continues to protect the residents of our communities in emergency situations.

The administrative committees of our Community Block Parent® Programs across the province, with the assistance and support of their Police Services, have been working diligently over the past year rescreening their registered Block Parents and issuing the new window signs. If you are in possession of an old Block Parent® sign as shown above, please be advised that **it is no longer valid** and must be returned to the Community Block Parent® Program or your local Police Service as soon as possible. Please refer to the Community Programs page on our website www.blockparent.on.ca for contact information for your Community Block Parent® Program or call the Ontario Block Parent® Program's Administrative Assistant, Erin Susin, at 1-800-563-2771.

The mission of the Block Parent® Program is the same today as it has been over the past 40 years - to provide immediate assistance through a safety network and to offer supportive community educational programs. The distinctive Block Parent® logo, found on window signs in residential homes and decals on the doors of small businesses, is recognized worldwide as identifying a safe place to seek help for not only children but for the safety and security needs of teens, adults and seniors as well.

Ontario Block Parent® volunteers are poised to continue their efforts to create safer communities for future generations. Becoming a Block Parent® means you will provide silent service as a community helper in your neighbourhood and be part of a larger network providing a front-line defense to help keep our communities safe. Please consider making this personal commitment to your community.

Marg Rooke, Chair
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