

SAFETY PRESENTATIONS & PROGRAMS

ARMED ROBBERY PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS

These presentations are given at retail businesses, banks, or at any organization that handles money. These presentations are designed to instruct employees in procedures to prevent robbery, and proper actions employees should take if they are a victim of an armed robbery.

PERSONAL SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

This program can be given in just about any setting, or with any group of people. This presentation gives assorted tips and suggestions of actions that individuals can take to make themselves less susceptible to crime.

SHOPLIFTING PREVENTION

These presentations are given at retail businesses or at high school co-op classes. Such topics as: Shoplifting Recognition and Prevention; and Short Change Artist Recognition and Prevention are covered.

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SECURITY SURVEYS

A thorough security survey is conducted of both the interior and exterior of the business; covering lighting, locks, and types of doors and windows. Also; exterior fencing, parking, alarms, and personnel security practices are reviewed. A confidential typewritten security survey report is provided for the business owner.

VIDEO SECURITY: For a complete Survey of your current Video Security System, or for assistance with your Video Security needs, call the Orangeburg Dept of Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist, Sgt. A. Polidore

SENIOR CITIZEN SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

These programs cover such subjects as: Personal Safety, Home Security, Cons and Scams; and Auto Theft Prevention.

G.R.E.A.T

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Gang Resistance Education And Training or G.R.E.A.T., is a school based, law enforcement taught classroom curriculum. The program's primary objective is prevention and teaches life skills that help immunize students against youth violence, delinquency and gang involvement. The program also works as an effective bridge between police and the community's youth, allowing relationships to be forged that extend outward from the school into your cities or towns neighborhoods.

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The program is designed to help elementary and middle school students become responsible members of their communities, by setting goals for themselves, resisting pressures, learning how to resolve conflicts and understanding how gangs impact the quality of their life. G.R.E.A.T. culminates with a certificate of graduation, a new philosophical outlook towards police, and the tools needed to resist gang pressure. The program meets the State Educational Standards.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is one the most fundamental aspects of crime prevention. Neighborhood Watch is a program designed to increase the safety and sense of community in neighborhoods by organizing and involving individuals and families in a united crime prevention effort. Neighborhood Watch participants learn how to:

- Communicate regularly with their neighbors using tools specific to neighborhood watch
- Recognize and report suspicious and criminal activity
- Increase home and vehicle security
- Increase personal safety of residents
- Make neighborhoods less attractive to criminals

When neighbors take the responsibility to build and maintain livable and cohesive neighborhoods, those neighborhoods are less vulnerable to crime. Under Neighborhood Watch, involved neighbors collaborate with the Orangeburg Dept of Public Safety Crime Prevention Program Coordinators, schools, and Parks personnel, area businesses, and other to create a united, secure, and peaceful community.

Home Security Surveys

A complete security survey of the home is conducted. The Crime Prevention Officer examines locks, doors, strike plates, and windows. Exterior and interior lighting are also examined, as well as shrubbery and fencing. Written suggestions on how to improve the security of the home are given.

Crime Prevention Displays

Displays are conducted for area businesses, schools, and universities. Numerous brochures covering a large array of Crime Prevention topics are provided for the general public. Also, various exhibits of locks for the home and for automobiles are shown, as well as several examples of personal safety devices. Uniformed Crime Prevention Officers working at the displays interact with the public and answer questions.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

This is a national Crime Prevention program where communities are encouraged to conduct outside Crime Prevention activities between 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM on the first Tuesday in August. For more information on National Night Out contact the National Town Watch Association at 1-800-NITE-OUT

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Several Crime/Fire Prevention Children's programs are provided. For more information contact the Orangeburg Dept of Public Safety Crime Prevention Specialist, Sgt. A. Polidore

CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

WHEN YOU'RE AT HOME:

- Replace or rekey all locks when you move into a new home or apartment.
- Install 1" case hardened steel deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- Keep windows and doors locked at all times.
- Have curtains or blinds on all windows, and keep them drawn.
- Install a 190-degree door viewer or door scope in your front door. Look before opening your door to anyone.
- Require Identification from all repair persons or public service individuals without opening the door.
- Hang up on frightening or obscene calls. Invest in an answer machine and screen your calls.
- On your answer machine message, never say you're not at home. Just say you're not by the phone.
- If a prowler enters your home, GET OUT!! Go to a neighbor and call the police.
- If you come home and you think someone is in your home, DO NOT ENTER!!
- Go to a neighbor and call the police.
- Contact the Crime Prevention Specialist (803- 533-4113) and schedule a free home security survey.

WHEN YOU'RE WALKING:

- Always be aware of your surroundings, and the people who are around you.
- Avoid walking alone; either walk with someone, or walk in areas where others are near.
- Stay in well lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and doorways.
- Avoid shortcuts through alleys, parks, vacant lots, or other deserted places.
- Walk in the middle of the sidewalk facing traffic.

- NEVER HITCHHIKE OR ACCEPT RIDES FROM STRANGERS!!

- If the driver of a car stops and harasses you, walk in the opposite direction.
- If you are walking to your car in a parking lot, and anything makes you feel uncomfortable, **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS**, go back in the store. Get someone to walk with you to your car.
- When you approach your car, check the back seat and under the car.
- Have your keys in your hand. Enter the car, lock the doors, and drive away.
- **DO NOT SIT IN THE CAR IN THE PARKING LOT AND CHECK YOUR PACKAGES!!!**

- ALSO: If you have a cell phone, carry it with you when walking or driving and be prepared to use it to call for help. Know what numbers to call and be prepared to give your exact location to the emergency operator.

WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING:

- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Keep the car doors locked and the windows rolled up at all times.
- Keep your car properly maintained and be sure you have enough fuel.
- Leave enough space from the car in front of you to maneuver.
- Look for pedestrians, many carjackers approach on foot.
- Learn your area, especially your neighborhood.
- If you feel you are being followed, **DO NOT GO HOME!!** Go to an open business, or a Police Sub-Station or Fire Station to get help.
- If you are bumped in the rear, **DO NOT GET OUT OF THE CAR!!** Go to an open business, or a Police Sub-Station or Fire Station and call the Police.
- Try to park your car in well lighted areas, as close to the door as possible.
- Avoid drive through ATM's at night after the banks are closed.
- Again, carry and be prepared to use your cell phone.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

- Make sure all your windows and doors are locked, even when you are at home.
- Never allow strangers in your home.
- Single women, last name only on your mail box.
- Avoid parking in isolated areas.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Be especially alert in unattended parking lots and enclosed parking garages.
- If you drink alcoholic beverages, be very cautious where you drink, and who is with you.
- Never leave clubs or night spots with strangers.
- In elevators, stand near the control panel. If someone gets on the elevator that makes you uncomfortable, **GET OFF THE ELEVATOR.**
- If attacked in an elevator push as many floor buttons as possible.
- Be very selective of whom you date.
- If your car breaks down, open the hood, turn on the flashers, and get back in the car and lock the doors. If someone stops to help, crack your window and ask them to phone for help.
- If you get a flat, drive on the rim to an open business to get help.
- A cellular phone is an excellent security investment.

AT THE WORK PLACE

- Never leave valuables or keys lying about on your desktop.
 - Engrave all personal items such as calculators or radios that you bring to work, with your Texas Drivers License Number.
 - Lock up all valuables before leaving your work area.
- If you notice anything suspicious: persons, vehicles, or objects; always notify your supervisor,

and security personnel.

- If you work late, move your vehicle close to the entrance before dark, and make sure all exterior doors and windows are closed and locked.
- Always try to leave the building with co-workers, and have your car keys in your hand ready to use.
- Get to know your co-workers, and look out for each other.
- Always let someone know where you'll be in case of an accident or confrontation with a hostile client.
- Insist on identification for repair persons who come to your work place, and stay extra alert while they are there.
- Report all potentially violent encounters with, or threats from co-workers to your supervisor.