



CRIME PREVENTION

The 2012 Spring PowWow

Official Merit Badge Worksheet

Scout's Name

Instructor's Name

Scout's Address

City

State

ZIP

Instructions

- 1) The Scout is to review the merit badge book before the first week of PowWow.
- 2) Bring this work sheet, paper, and pencil or pen each week.
- 3) **Bring a Merit Badge blue card with you on the second week.**

Requirement Instructions*

- 1) Requirement 2 should be completed **either before** PowWow **or as homework** between the two sessions.
- 2) Requirements 1 and 3 should be passed off during the first session of PowWow.
- 3) Requirements 4, 5, 6, and 7 should be completed **as homework** between the two sessions..
- 4) Requirements 8 and 9 should be passed off during the second session of PowWow.

*** Due to possible time constraints at the PowWow, certain requirements that were originally planned to be completed in class may need to be completed as homework. Please LISTEN to ALL INSTRUCTIONS in class to be aware of any changes.**

Requirement 1

Initial

Define "crime."

Define "crime prevention":

Explain the role and value of laws in society with regard to crime and crime prevention.

Requirement 2

Initial

Prepare a notebook of newspaper and other clippings that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community. Give a brief summary of what you included in your notebook.

Show your notebook to your counselor.

Requirement 3

Initial

Describe the following:

A. The role of citizens, including youth, in crime prevention:

B. Gangs and their impact on the community:

C. When and how to report a crime:

Requirement 4**Initial**

Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Give a brief summary of what you did and what you found.

Learn how to do a crime prevention survey. Give a brief summary of the process.

Using the checklist at the end of this worksheet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family. After completing the survey and discussing it with your family, give a brief summary of what you found during your survey and the discussion you had afterward.

Requirement 5**Initial**

Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime in the following situations. Use the area below to take notes and list important items that you will include in your teaching.

At home:

At school:

In your community:

While traveling:

Requirement 6**Initial**

Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:

A. Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board.

Attach your poster to this sheet or describe the poster below.

B. With permission from school officials, create a page-long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's Web site. Attach your announcement to this work sheet.

C. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.
Group presented to:

Describe your presentation and the group's reaction.

Requirement 7

Initial

Do ONE of the following:

A. Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program in your community such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch, or Crime Stoppers.

Name of organization:

Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood.

B. With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing.

Place or hearing visited:

Date visited:

Describe your experience.

Requirement 8

Initial

Describe the following:

How drug abuse programs such as "Drugs: A Deadly Game" help prevent crime.

Why are alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana sometimes called "gateway drugs?"

How can "gateway drugs" lead to the use of other drugs?

List three resources in your city where a person with a drug problem or drug-related problem can go for help:

Name: Phone Number:

Name: Phone Number:

Name: Phone Number:

How can the illegal sale and use of drugs lead to other crimes?

What are some of the ways you can recognize child abuse?

What are the “three Rs” of youth protection?

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Requirement 9

Initial

What is the role of the sheriff’s department or police department in crime prevention?

What is the purpose and operation of agencies in your community that help law enforcement personnel prevent crime?

How do these agencies help in emergency situations?

Explain the role private security plays in crime prevention.

Choose a career in crime prevention or the security industry that interests you.

Career:

Describe the level of education required and responsibilities of a person in the chosen career.

Why does this position interest you?

Merit badge work sheets will not be accepted at the Council Office in place of the official Merit Badge Application Card. Those who do not complete all the requirements should take their partially completed merit badge work sheet and their official application card to their local merit badge counselors for completion.

Crime Prevention Merit Badge Sample Home Security Checklist

Here are some things to consider with your parent or guardian and counselor. See your Crime Prevention Merit Badge Pamphlet for explanations about each item on the checklist.

- 1. Do you keep a list of all valuable property? Is at least one copy kept outside your home?
 - 2. Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your valuable property (watches, cameras, computers, TVs, etc.)?
 - 3. Do you have descriptions/photographs of valuable property from each room in your home (and closets)?
 - 4. Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank? Consider renting a safe deposit box for important papers.
 - 5. Do you plan so that you don't need to "hide" a house key under the doormat or in a similar location?
 - 6. Do your family members know what to do if they discover a burglar in your home? Don't go in! Dial 911!
 - 7. Do family members know to leave everything undisturbed and call the sheriff or police if they discover a burglary?
 - 8. Are trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
 - 9. Do you have a security closet with a solid-core door, non-removable hinges, and a deadbolt lock? For items of value.
 - 10. Do you have emergency telephone numbers listed on your phone? In most areas of the country it is 911.
 - 11. Is the outside of your home well lit? Do you have working porch lights? Is your yard well illuminated?
 - 12. Is your house number easily visible from the street at any hour? Police need to see your number in an emergency.
 - 13. Are ladders locked up and trellises and drainpipes eliminated that can be used as ladders to reach upper floor?
 - 14. Are your exterior doors of solid-core construction? Hollow core wood doors offer little protection from break in.
 - 15. Do your entry doors have wide-angle viewers? Needed so you can see out before opening the door.
 - 16. Are your door's locks secure from being opened if a burglar breaks out a pane of glass or a panel of lightweight wood?
 - 17. Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a one-inch throw and a beveled cylinder guard?
 - 18. Do doors without cylinder locks have a heavy deadbolt or similar security that can be operated only from the inside?
 - 19. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, sliding, French, balcony) be securely locked?
 - 20. Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your home?
 - 21. Are all of your locks in good repair?
 - 22. Are the door strike-plates installed with three-inch screws? Three-inch screws will reach the stud inside the wall.
 - 23. Do you know everyone who has a key to your home? Did you change the locks when you moved in?
 - 24. Do all out-swinging doors in your home have non-removable pins?
 - 25. Do sliding doors have a lock that locks both the door panels together or locks the active side to the frame?
 - 26. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good lock? Even doors with electric openers need locks.
 - 27. Do you lock you garage door at night?
 - 28. Do you make sure your garage door is locked when you're away from home?
 - 29. Do you lock your car and take out the keys even when it is parked in your garage?
 - 30. Are all windows in your home equipped with key locks, or pinned?
 - 31. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?
 - 32. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?
 - 33. Do you use locks that let you lock a window that is partly open?
 - 34. Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?
 - 35. In high-crime areas, do you use window bars or ornamental grilles? Make sure bars or grilles don't block fire escape.
 - 36. Do you have secure locks on garage windows?
 - 37. Do you cover garage windows with curtains or shades?
 - 38. Are you as careful to secure basement and second-story windows as you are to secure windows on the first floor?
 - 39. Do you use good telephone security procedures?
- Never give personal information (name, age, address, etc.) to a stranger on the telephone.
Never let a stranger know that you are home alone.
Never let a stranger on the telephone know when you will or will not be home.
- 40. When planning a trip, do you secure your telephone? Consider call forwarding or at least check messages daily.
 - 41. When you go on a trip, do you arrange for friends or neighbors to pick up newspapers, mail, packages, etc.?
 - 42. Do you arrange to make your home look lived-in while you are away? Ask friends to pick up newspapers, mail, etc. daily. Consider light timers. Ask neighbors to park in your driveway and to put out your trash cans on garbage day.
 - 43. Do you notify a neighbor that you'll be gone? Leave a key with a friend. Ask that your home be checked every so often.
 - 44. Do you notify you police or sheriff that you'll be gone?
 - 45. Do you store all your valuables in a secure place while you're gone, such as a safe deposit box in a bank?