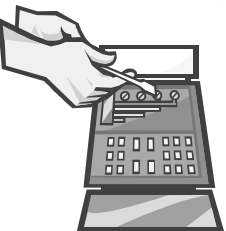
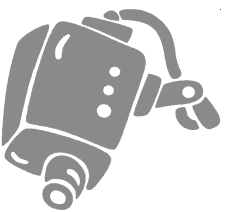
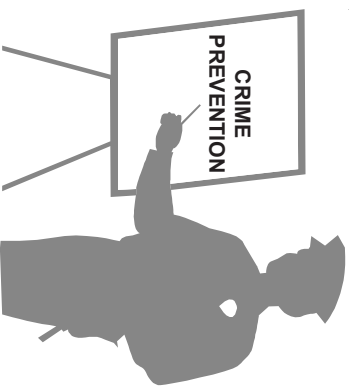


Alarm systems can be an advantage. In considering an alarm system, be aware that there are a dozen kinds of sensors and several types of sounding devices. Before investing in a system, contact several companies to compare quality and prices. Be sure the system will be suitable for the premises and usage and still be cost-effective. Two basic questions are “Will it go off every time it should?” and “Will it go off when it shouldn’t?” Ask about warranties, service and possible insurance savings.



Call your nearest C.O.P.S. Shop for help with your crime prevention efforts. The volunteers can put you in touch with speakers, literature, and videos on numerous crime prevention topics for children, senior citizens, men’s and women’s groups and they will be happy to answer any questions!



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

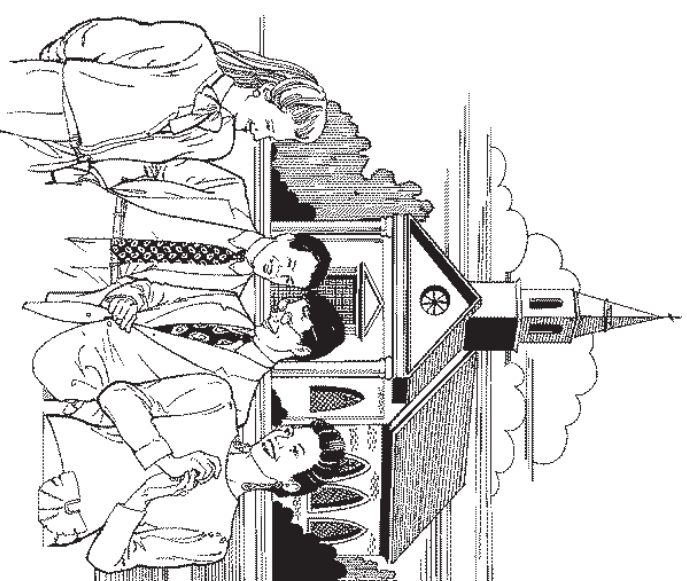
Emergency	9-1-1
Abandoned Vehicles	625-4246
Drugs/Gangs	625-4010
Graffiti Hotline	625-4180
Law Enforcement Hotline	477-5980
SPD Tips Line	242-8477
Secret Witness	327-5111
Traffic Hotline	625-4150
Vacation Home Check	477-5665
Crime Reporting Center	532-9266
www.spokanecrimereportingcenter.org	

NEIGHBORHOOD C.O.P.S. SHOPS

C.O.P.S. Downtown	625-3350
1201 W. 1st	
C.O.P.S. East Central	625-3330
3001 E. 5th	
C.O.P.S. Lewis & Clark	354-6941
521 W. 4th	
C.O.P.S. Logan	625-3333
802 E. Sharp	
C.O.P.S. Neva-Wood	625-3353
4705 N. Addison	
C.O.P.S. North Hill	625-3346
Mobile Unit	
C.O.P.S. North Central	625-3348
630 W. Shannon	
C.O.P.S. Northeast	625-3343
5208 N. Market	
C.O.P.S. Northwest	625-3336
2215 W. Wellesley #D	
C.O.P.S. SouthWest	625-3328
1608 W. 6th #7	
C.O.P.S. Southeast	625-3326
2824 E. 29th	
C.O.P.S. West	625-3340
1901 W. Boone	

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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



FOR THE FAITH COMMUNITY



Churches and other houses of worship have increasingly become targets for burglars and vandals throughout the Spokane Community. Some of this activity may be related to hate or bias motives, but much of it is simply a crime of opportunity. The buildings traditionally have been safe from desecration and burglaries, but that obviously is no longer true.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT MAY HELP MAKE YOUR PROPERTY LESS VULNERABLE

Get a FREE security survey! Call Spokane C.O.P.S. at 835-4572 and make an appointment to have your building, parking lots, lighting, doors, windows, locks and other physical areas checked. We will help with your security procedures and offer suggestions to make your property more secure. There is no cost or obligation. You may also request the Neighborhood Observation Patrol (NOP) of your nearest C.O.P.S. Shop to keep an eye on your property.

Use Operation ID to engrave your property with name and address. It can discourage some thieves and aid in the identification and return of your property. Making an inventory list of your property as it is engraved is a good idea. The list can be used in reporting to insurance and law enforcement if there is a theft or other insured loss such as fire.

Join Block Watch. Block Watch has established itself as an effective program in reducing residential burglary, theft and vandalism. If there is no Block Watch in your neighborhood, start one yourself! Call Block Watch at 835-4572.

Become a C.O.P.S. Volunteer! Fill out an application, pass a background check, complete training and join your neighbors in preventing crime in your neighborhood.

Form a Crime Prevention Committee. Committee members can arrange for speakers and special programs, engrave property for identification, act as liaison with the neighborhood Block Watch and police, and keep you informed of crime prevention problems in your area.

Representatives from your organization should attend local block meetings to ask residents to watch for burglary and vandalism and to report suspicious activity to police.

Remind your members to lock their cars while attending services or activities. Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk. Thieves have a fair idea how long the owner will be in the building and are tempted by what they see in the cars.

Get to know local residents. Invite them to your activities - special speakers, bazaars and programs.

Invite neighborhood youth to use your facilities and take part in youth activities.

Take collections directly to the bank after services. After hours depositing can be arranged.

Rotate the person who does this banking chore so it's not always the same person.

Publicize the fact that neither money nor valuables are kept on the premises.

Think twice about buying expensive new chalices, etc. Think three times about where they are kept.

Rotate activities so there are people visible on the premises and in the buildings as much of the time as possible.

Try to arrange activities so that one person is not alone in the buildings for long regular periods of time.

Teach ushers to be alert for suspicious persons or incidents inside buildings or in parking lots.

Station someone inside the front door if the door must be open and a meeting is taking place in a back room or basement.

Arrange meetings to study causes of crime. Support programs that offer solutions.

Use crime prevention tips if there is available space in bulletins or newsletters. Crime prevention materials are available at all area C.O.P.S. Shops.

Change locks and keep control of the keys. Facilities and equipment may be under lock and key and there are still losses. The problem may be key control. Over many years, numerous persons may have had keys to the property and it isn't known who or how many persons may have keys now.

