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Crime Prevention
Requirements Sheet
Merit Badge Powwow 2009

The scout is to read the Crime Prevention Merit Badge pamphlet before the Powwow (2005 edition or later). Some requirements may take up to 90 days to complete before coming to the Powwow. Read all the requirements below and bring necessary items to guarantee passing off the merit badge on the day of the Powwow. Bring to class paper, pen or pencil, and any other items asked for. Write your name, merit badge and class time (9:00 or 1:00) on **every** paper or project. (If there are any questions pertaining to requirements, the most recent Boy Scout Requirements handbook will always be used).

Recommended Requirments to complete before Powwow

2. Prepare a notebook of newspaper and other clippings that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.
4. After doing EACH of the following, discuss with your counselor what you have learned.
 - a. Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Learn how to do a crime prevention survey.
 - b. Using the checklist in the pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family
5. Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home, at school, in your community, and while traveling.
6. 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. Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood.
 - b. With your parent's and Scout Masters approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing. Discuss your experience with your counselor.

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Requirments that will be passed off at the Powwow

1. Discuss the role and value of laws in society with regard to crime and crime prevention. Include in your discussion the definitions of "crime" and "crime prevention."
3. Discuss the following with your counselor:
 - 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.

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| <p>6. Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board. 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. c. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue. | 6 | _____
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| <p>8. Discuss the following with your counselor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How drug abuse awareness programs such as "Drugs: A Deadly Game" help prevent crime. b. Why alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are sometimes called "gateway drugs" and how gateway drugs can lead to the use of other drugs. c. Three resources in your city where a person with a drug problem or drug-related problem can go for help. d. How the illegal sale and use of drugs lead to other crimes. e. How to recognize child abuse. f. The three R's of Youth Protection. | 8 | _____
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| <p>9. Discuss the following with your counselor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The role of a sheriff's or police department in crime prevention. b. The purpose and operation of agencies in your community that help law enforcement personnel prevent crime, and how those agencies function during emergency situations. c. Explain the role private security plays in crime prevention. d. Choose a career in the crime prevention or security industry that interests you. Describe the level of education required and responsibilities of a person in that position. Tell why this position interests you. | 9 | _____
Signature of counselor Date |

Home Security Checklist

Survey your home, using the following checklist. Every “no” answer shows a weak point that might help a burglar. As you and your family eliminate the “no” answers, you improve your home and personal security.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>1. Do you keep a list of all valuable Property?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Make the list in duplicate, with at least one copy kept in a place outside your home, such as a safe-deposit box. In case of fire, the extra list that you keep will provide information necessary for insurance claims.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>2. Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your valuable property, such as TVs, computer, DVD player, audio and video components, cameras, watches, etc?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>3. Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Renting a safe-deposit box is a small investment compared with the potential loss from theft or fire. The box should be large enough to hold important papers and valuables that are seldom used. Copies of valuable papers also could be kept with another family member or relative.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>4. Do you leave the spare house key with a close friend or reliable neighbor when you go out of town?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*This practice is much safer than leaving a spare under the doormat, where a nosy burglar is certain to look.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>5. Do your family members know what to do if they discover a burglar breaking into or already in your home?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*If you return home and find signs that it has been entered, do not go inside. Use your mobile phone, or use a neighbor’s phone to call the police or sheriff. If you enter your home and find a burglar inside, expect the burglar to be frightened and dangerous. A scream may cause a burglar to flee, but it might also provoke the burglar to attack you. Never struggle with a burglar unless you are in danger of serious physical harm and you are forced to defend yourself. In that case, scream, kick, gouge-use your hands, feet, and teeth to fend off your attacker.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>6. Do family members know to leave everything undisturbed and call the sheriff or police if they discover that a burglary has been committed?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*It is important that you not move things or otherwise disturb the inside of your home or the grounds around your home until police have checked it. Otherwise, valuable evidence might be lost.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>7. Are the trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?</p> <p>*Keep doorways, windows, and porches clear when planting bushes and tall flowers. Remember that the bushes that give you privacy also give a burglar places to hide.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>8. Do you have a security closet with a solid-core door, nonremovable hinges, and a deadbolt lock?</p> <p>*A security closet can be a place to keep things of value. Noises caused by someone breaking into a security closet might betray a burglar.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>9. Do you have emergency telephone numbers listed on your phone or on an easily accessible place?</p> <p>*In most areas of the country, the 9-1-1 telephone number will connect you with the emergency services. With the 9-1-1 system, a computer immediately displays your address to the person who answers your emergency call.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>10. Is the outside of your home well lit?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>11. Does your porch light have at least a 60-watt bulb?</p> <p>*Outside lighting is important in home security. Light yards, windows, and doorways to prevent burglars from hiding there. Porch lamps and yard post lamps can be used to eliminate dark spots. Burn porch lights from dusk until dawn, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. This denies burglars the cover of darkness, at a cost of about 5 cents per night, using a 60-watt bulb. In rural areas where no streetlights exist, electric companies often will give group discounts to customers who wish to install security lighting. Contact your power company or rural electric cooperative for further information.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>12. Is your house number (address) easily visible from the street at any hour?</p> <p>*If it is not possible to read your house number from the street at night without using a flashlight, consider lighting the number or having a visible curb number painted in front of your house.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>13. Have you made it more difficult for burglars by locking up ladders and eliminating trellises and drainpipes that can be climbed to reach an upper floor of your home, if you have one?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>14. Are your doors of solid core construction?</p> <p>*A hollow-core door is fragile. It takes a burglar only a few blows with a hammer to break through to reach the lock. If you have hollow-core doors, consider replacing them with solid doors.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>15. Do your entry doors have wide-angle viewers or peepholes?</p> <p>*A wide-angle viewer or peephole lets you see who the visitor is before you open the door.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>16. Are the locks on your doors secure from being opened if a burglar breaks out a pane of glass or a panel of light-weight wood?</p> <p>*This calls for a lock that can be opened from inside with a key. Some communities do not permit this type of lock because it can prevent escape from a fire if the key is not in place. If you use this type of lock, be sure to leave the key in the lock when anyone is at home; remove the key only when the home is empty. Check with your local law enforcement agency or building department to find out if this type of lock is permitted.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>17. Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a 1-inch throw and a beveled cylinder guard?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>18. Do doors without cylinder locks have a heavy deadbolt or some similar security device that can be operated only from the inside?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>19. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, sliding, French, balcony) be securely locked?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>20. If you have a basement, do the doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your home?</p> <p>*Basement windows are among the easiest for a burglar to enter undetected. If your basement is securely locked from the rest of your home, the burglar's activity is limited to that area.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>21. Are all of your locks in good repair?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>22. Are the door strike plates installed with 3-inch screws?</p> <p>*This size screw will reach the stud inside the wall.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>23. Do you know everyone who has a key to your home?</p> <p>*Do not carry house keys on the same ring as car keys. It is very easy to leave the keys together when the car is in a garage for repairs or left in a commercial parking lot where an attendant parks cars. Anyone who handles your house keys can easily have duplicates made.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>24. Do all out-swinging doors in your home have hinges with nonremovable pins? These hinges have set screws to prevent pin removal from the outside.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>25. Do sliding doors have a lock that locks both the door panels together or locks the active side to the frame?</p> <p>*You can place a wooden dowel in the floor track to prevent a sliding door from opening.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>26. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good lock?</p> <p>*Even garage doors with electric openers need separate locks. In a double-car garage with a single long door, it is important to place a lock on each side of the door to keep a burglar from pulling out one side and crawling through.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>27. Do you lock your garage door at night?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>28. Do you make sure your garage door is locked when you are away from home?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>29. Do you lock your car and take out the keys even when it is parked in your garage?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>30. Are all windows in your home equipped with key locks or pinned?</p> <p>*You can secure a sliding window with a rod the same way as you would secure a sliding glass door.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>31. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>32. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>33. Do you use locks that let you lock a window that is partly open?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>34. Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>35. If you live in a high-burglary area, do you use window bars or ornamental grilles?</p> <p>*Take care that bars or grilles do not create an escape hazard in the event of a fire. They must have an inside mechanism that allows them to swing out in an emergency.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>36. Do you have secure locks on garage windows?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>37. Do you cover garage windows with curtains or shades?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>38. Are you careful to secure basement and second-story windows as you are to secure windows on the first floor?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>39. Do you use good telephone security procedures?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>40. When planning a trip, do you secure your telephone?</p>

	<p>*Use and answering machine or voice mail service from the telephone company to record a message indicating all calls will be returned at your earliest convenience. You can then call home and retrieve your messages without anyone knowing you are away. Never say that you are out of town.</p>
<p>___Yes ___No</p>	<p>41. When you go on a trip, do you arrange for friends or neighbors to collect newspapers, mail, packages, and any other deliveries?</p> <p>*You also can request the post office and newspaper to stop delivery until you return.</p>
<p>___Yes ___No</p>	<p>42. Do you arrange to make you home look lived-in while you are away?</p> <p>*Leave some window shades up or curtains open so that your home does not look deserted. Have a trusted neighbor or relative periodically open and close drapes and turn different lights on and off (or use timers) so the house appears occupied. You can also use a timer to turn a radio and/or light on and off. Consider asking friends or relatives to live in your home while you are away. Leave a car in the driveway or ask neighbors to park in your driveway. Ask a neighbor to put some trash in your trash cans, place them out for pick up on trash days, and pick them up after they have been emptied.</p>
<p>___Yes ___No</p>	<p>43. Do you notify a trusted neighbor that you will be gone?</p>
<p>___Yes ___No</p>	<p>44. Do you notify your police or sheriff's department that you will be gone?</p>
<p>___Yes ___No</p>	<p>45. Do you store all your valuables in a secure place while you are gone, such as a safe-deposit box in a bank?</p>

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