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Crime Prevention Merit Badge

SCOUTS PARTICIPATING IN A SCOUTMASTER BUCKY MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITY (ONLINE OR IN PERSON), PLEASE CONSIDER ALSO USING THE CRIME PREVENTION MERIT BADGE CLASS PREPARATION PAGE FOR CLARIFICATIONS, INSIGHTS, AND EXPECTATIONS.

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/crime-prevention/class-prep/>

REQUIREMENT 1a: Define "crime."

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REQUIREMENT 1a: Discuss the role and value of laws in society with regard to crime and crime prevention.

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REQUIREMENT 2: Prepare a journal from various sources that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.

Be prepared to share your journal with your merit badge counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 3a: Discuss with your counselor the role of citizens, including youth, in crime prevention.

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REQUIREMENT 3b: Discuss with your counselor gangs and their impact on the community.

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REQUIREMENT 3c: Discuss with your counselor when and how to report a crime.

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REQUIREMENT 4a: Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Learn how to do a crime prevention survey. Discuss with your counselor what you have learned

Here are some questions to consider when conducting a Community Safety and Crime Prevention Survey:

- In general, has the neighborhood become a better or worse place to live in the past year, or is it about the same?
- In general, do you think this area will be better, worse, or about the same a year from now, as a place to live?
- If I were sick, I could count on a neighbor to run an errand for me.
- If I had to be away from home for a day or two, a neighbor would keep an eye on my place.
- I and my neighbors believe we do things to change or maintain our neighborhood for better.
- Crime in my neighborhood is more or less of a problem than in nearby areas.
- Children and older people feel free to move about safely.
- My neighbors and I do / don't talk about community problems and how to solve them.
- My community has or does not have community group meetings to discuss local problems
- If so, I and my neighbors attend such a meetings regularly to give input and get feedback.
- How would you assess the following in your neighborhood currently: Crime, Schools, Noise, Trash, Shopping, Traffic, Residents, Poor Maintenance, Vandalism, Unsupervised Children

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REQUIREMENT 4b: Using the checklist in the Crime Prevention Merit Badge Pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family. Discuss with your counselor what you have learned

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

- Yes No Do you keep a list of valuable property, and do you keep a duplicate outside of your home?
- Yes No Do you keep a list of the serial numbers of your valuable property, such as TVs, computers, DVDs, audio, and video components, camera, watches, etc.?
- Yes No Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank?
- Yes No Do you leave the spare house key with a close friend or reliable neighbor when you go out of town?
- Yes No Do your family members know what to do if they discover a burglar breaking into or already in your home?
- Yes No Do family members know to leave everything undisturbed and call the sheriff or police if they discover that a burglary has been committed?
- Yes No Are trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
- Yes No Do you have a security closet with a solid-core door, nonremovable hinges, and a deadbolt lock?
- Yes No Do you have emergency telephone numbers listed on your phone or in an easily accessible place?
- Yes No Is the outside of your home well-lit?
- Yes No Does your porch light have at least a 60-watt bulb?
- Yes No Is your house number (address) easily visible from the street at any hour?
- Yes No 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?
- Yes No Are your doors of solid-core construction?
- Yes No Do your entry doors have wide-angle viewers or peepholes?
- Yes No 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?
- Yes No Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a 1-inch throw and a beveled cylinder guard?
- Yes No Do doors without cylinder locks have a heavy deadbolt or some similar security device that can be operated only from the inside?
- Yes No Can all of your doors (basement, porch, sliding, French, balcony) be securely locked?
- Yes No If you have a basement, do the doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your home?
- Yes No Are all of your locks in good repair?
- Yes No Are the door strike plates installed with 3-inch screws?



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- Yes No Do you know everyone who has a key to your home?
- Yes No Do all out-swinging doors in your home have hinges with nonremovable pins?
- Yes No Do sliding doors have a lock that locks both the door panels together and locks the active side to the frame?
- Yes No Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good lock?
- Yes No Do you lock your garage door at night?
- Yes No Do you make sure your garage door is locked when you are away from home?
- Yes No Do you lock your car and take out the keys even when it is parked in your garage?
- Yes No Are all windows in your home equipped with key locks or pinned?
- Yes No Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?
- Yes No Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?
- Yes No Do you use locks that let you lock a window that is partly open?
- Yes No Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?
- Yes No If you live in a high burglary area, do you use window bars or ornamental grills?
- Yes No Do you have secure locks on garage windows?
- Yes No Do you cover garage windows with curtains or shades?
- Yes No Are you as careful to secure basement and second-story windows as you are to secure windows on the first floor?
- Yes No Do you use good telephone security measures?
- Yes No When planning a trip, do you secure your telephone?
- Yes No When you go on a trip, do you arrange from someone to collect newspapers, mail, packages, and other deliveries?
- Yes No Do you arrange to make your home look lived-in while you are away?
- Yes No Do you notify a trusted neighbor that you will be gone?
- Yes No Do you notify your police or sheriff's department that you will be gone?
- Yes No Do you store all your valuables in a secure place while you are gone, such as a safe-deposit box in a bank?



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REQUIREMENT 5: Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home, at school, in your community, and while traveling.

Be prepared to share your experience and proof of completion with your merit badge counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (6A, 6B, or 6C) FOR REQUIREMENT 6

REQUIREMENT 6a: Help raise awareness about a school safety issue facing students by creating a poster for display on a school bulletin board.

Be prepared with photos of your poster on a school bulletin board to share with your merit badge counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 6b: Help raise awareness about a school safety issue facing students by creating a page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's website, with permission from school officials.

Be prepared with a copy of your public service announcement and some sort of validation of delivery to share with your merit badge counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 6c: Help raise awareness about a school safety issue facing students by making a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.

Be prepared to share your presentation and proof of delivery with your merit badge counselor.

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DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (7A or 7B) FOR REQUIREMENT 7

REQUIREMENT 7a: 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.

Be prepared to share your experience and proof of completion with your merit badge counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

BE PREPARED!

REQUIREMENT 7b: With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing.

Jail, Detention Facility, or Criminal Court Name:

Date and Location visited:

Parent's Name

Phone

Parent's Signature

Date

approved

COUNSELOR APPROVAL: PERHAPS IMPLIED, THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT STATE THAT YOU NEED THE COUNSELOR'S APPROVAL AHEAD OF YOUR VISIT. PLEASE NOTE, AS WITH ANY REQUIREMENT, ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE DISCRETION AND SATISFACTION OF THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

Counselor's Name

Phone

Counselor's Signature

Date

approved



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REQUIREMENT 7b: Discuss your experience with your counselor.

This requirement must be reviewed with your merit badge counselor.

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REQUIREMENT 8a: Discuss with your counselor how drug abuse awareness programs help prevent crime.

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REQUIREMENT 8b: Discuss with your counselor why alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are sometimes called “gateway drugs” and how gateway drugs can lead to the use of other drugs.

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REQUIREMENT 8c: Discuss with your counselor the potential consequences from the misuse of prescription drugs

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REQUIREMENT 8d: Discuss with your counselor how the illegal sale and use of drugs lead to other crimes.

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REQUIREMENT 8e: Discuss with your counselor three resources in your city where a person with a drug problem or drug related problem can go for help.

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REQUIREMENT 8f: Discuss with your counselor how to recognize child abuse

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REQUIREMENT 8g: Discuss with your counselor the three R's of Youth Protection

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REQUIREMENT 9a: Discuss with your counselor the role of a sheriff's or police department in crime prevention.

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REQUIREMENT 9b: Discuss with your counselor the purpose and operation of agencies in your community that help law enforcement personnel prevent crime, and how those agencies function during emergency situations.

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REQUIREMENT 9c: Discuss with your counselor explain the role private security plays in crime prevention.

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REQUIREMENT 9d: Discuss with your counselor 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.

Selected Career Opportunity:

Educational Requirements:

Responsibilities:

REQUIREMENT 9d: Tell why this position interests you.

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