

CHICAGO POLICE
DEPARTMENT

PREVENTIVE PROGRAMS



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

One of the more significant components in Community Policing, and vital to our alternative policing strategy, is crime prevention through education.

The Preventive Programs Section offers valuable programs, lectures, displays, seminars, crime prevention and safety tips to all citizens and community groups free of charge.

The Chicago Police Department is committed to the safety and security of the public. To that end, I urge everyone to avail themselves of these valuable programs. The use of crime prevention methods and safety techniques creates a spirit of cooperation between the public and the police which inevitably will lead to a safer environment for all.

GOALS OF THE PREVENTIVE PROGRAMS SECTION

The goals and objectives of the Preventive Programs Section are to conduct programs designed to encourage citizens' involvement in crime prevention in general, and to teach various methods and techniques that may be employed to guard against criminal attack.

It is the section's principal desire to deter and prevent criminal incidents by making our citizens highly cognizant of the opportunities unconsciously offered to criminals and to instill a sense of perpetual awareness so that no incidents occur.

Listed in this brochure are programs and services presented by the Preventive Programs Section and a brief description of each.

AUTO SAFETY TIPS:

The object is to inform citizens how to secure their vehicles, and how to protect them from auto thieves. The program will also show citizens how to protect their personal property within their vehicle, and how to be safe while operating their vehicle.

"REMEMBER, A THIEF WILL BREAK YOUR \$100 WINDOW TO STEAL YOUR \$10 SUNGLASSES"

BICYCLE SAFETY AND REGISTRATION:

This program instructs both young and adult cyclists in safety procedures when operating a bicycle on the public way. Bicycle registration sessions are conducted by the section to enhance the return of lost or stolen bicycles.

BURGLARY PREVENTION:

The first step to burglary prevention is to be aware that the opportunity exists and to guard against it. This program instructs the audience to check their premises for proper locks, window and door security, proper lighting, landscaping and exterior structures which may allow a burglar to gain entry without detection.

CHILD SAFETY:

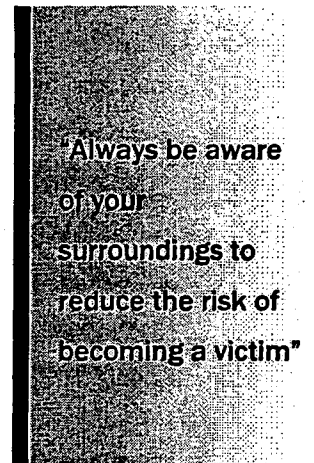
This program supports and reinforces the training that parents, teachers, guardians and others charged with educating our children give about safety awareness topics. Included subjects are "Stranger Danger", using the family's secret password, knowing their parents actual names other than Mom and Dad, explains good touches and bad touches and what to do, emphasizes the importance of knowing their full name, address and telephone number and how and when to use the emergency 911 number for help, and the importance of wearing a seat belt.

CON GAMES (THEFT BY DECEPTION):

This program is designed to acquaint the public with theft by deception by (1) legal definition, (2) by various methods of operation used by cons, (3) by relating how citizens contribute to their own victimization.

DRUG AWARENESS:

This program is designed to increase awareness of the hazards of narcotic and dangerous drug use. It explains how to recognize the symptoms of drug abusers, and how to report drug dealers.

**EMPLOYEE THEFT (INTERNAL SECURITY):**

This program seeks to make the businessman aware of the scope of internal theft and steps which can be taken to decrease losses.

GANG AWARENESS:

This program informs parents, teachers, community organizations and other adult groups on what to look for in our children that may indicate their inclination to gang membership. This program defines what a gang is and how and why it attracts our children to it.

HANDGUN HAZARDS:

The purpose of this program is to increase public awareness of handgun hazards and to provide viable alternatives to guns for security, i.e., physical security improvements of home and business and common sense measures of protection.

HI-RISE SECURITY (APARTMENT OR OFFICE):

This program is designed to explain how complacency, carelessness, and lack of security consciousness contribute to a great extent to burglaries and other related crimes and how they can be deterred or prevented by implementing basic security measures.

IDENTITY THEFT:

This program will teach citizens how to protect their personal and financial identities. Citizens will learn how to safeguard their personal information and what to do if someone has taken their identity.

INTERNET SAFETY:

This program was designed for both parents and teens in mind. Parents will learn the dangers of internet surfing and how to protect their children and teens will learn what the dangers are and educate them on how to surf the internet safely.

ROBBERY PREVENTION:

This program is designed primarily for the business community; however, it is available to any other requesters and may be tailored accordingly. People are instructed in robbery prevention methods, what to do if a robbery occurs, how to report a robbery and how to describe offenders or suspects.

SECURITY SURVEY (BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL):

This program offers a comprehensive inspection of residences, business and commercial establishments are conducted to locate areas where security is weak or nonexistent. After the inspection is completed, a confidential report is given to the requester which reflects deficiencies and recommendations for correction. Burglary prevention is by far the greatest incentive for security surveys.

SEXUAL ASSAULT:

This program's objectives are to educate and inform females of all ages how to prevent sexual assault in the home, on the street, in private vehicles and on public transportation.

A thief or an offender will take the path of least resistance, it's up to you to be safe and smart!

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SHOPLIFTING PREVENTION (RETAIL THEFT):

This program is designed to assist merchants by informing them of specific measures which can be utilized in their loss prevention programs. Additionally, by explaining the offense of retail theft and the legal rights granted to merchants dealing with suspected offenders.

STREET SAFETY:

This program is one of the most frequently requested and widely acclaimed programs featured by this section. This program is designed to inform citizens of all ages and both sexes on how to travel in the streets, on foot, in private vehicles, on public transportation, so they can protect their persons and property while doing so.

TELLER TRAINING:

This program is designed to make tellers, security officers, and other employees of financial institutions aware of the type of crimes that may be committed in their establishments, and what their correct response should be.

YOUTH ALTERNATIVES:

This program involves prevention and seeks to eliminate the gang's most precious asset - membership. The program concentrates on the marginal or potential member and strives to direct youth's toward positive alternatives and away from the gang environment.

PROGRAM ACCESS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

In compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, our programs are available for persons with disabilities. All of our programs can be made available (accessible) to people with disabilities. If a person with a disability will be attending one of our presentations, contact the program host if known or our Administrative Office to inform us of any special needs such as sign language interpretation, large print material, alternative accessible sites, or any other reasonable accommodation.