

Crime Prevention Merit Badge

Week 1 (Focus on Home):

- Discuss the roles and value of laws in society with regard to crime prevention.
- What is a crime?
- What is Crime Prevention?
- The role of citizens in crime prevention.
- When and how to report a crime (pg20).
- (Homework) Inspect your home for opportunities that may lead to crime. Use the crime prevention survey starting on pg 24... Discuss your findings with your parent(s)/guardian. Be prepared to share any changes/findings with the group next week.

Week 2 (Focus on Community and School):

- Discussion from last week's homework.
 - (Homework) Prepare a notebook of newspaper/internet articles that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community (pg 11)
 - Review the roles of citizens in crime prevention.
 - Gangs: Their impact on the community (pg 18)
 - Drugs: Abuse awareness programs can help to prevent crime.
 - Marijuana, alcohol, tobacco – gateway drugs
 - How the illegal sale and use of drugs can lead to other crimes.
 - What are the resources in your community where a person with a drug-problem can go for help?
 - Child Abuse
- The three Rs of Youth Protection (Recognize, Resist, Report)
- Help raise awareness about a safety issue in your school/community (homework)...
 - Create a 1 page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school **OR** Create a bulletin board poster that could be displayed in the community or your school **OR** make a presentation to a group, such as the Cub Scout Den, that addresses the issue.

Week 3 (Focus on Roles and Careers in Law Enforcement):

-Sheriff/Police Department

-Private Security

-The purpose and operation of agencies in the community that help law enforcement personnel prevent crime. How those agencies function during emergency situations.

-General Review of what we learned.

-Questions/Comments/Likes/Dislikes:

- (Homework or Further Discussion) 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. Explain why the chosen position interests you.