

Community Newsletter

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Get Hired, Not Scammed

Are you in the market for a new job? The Internet has made it easier than ever to find one. It's also made it easier for criminals to find you.

Think about it – what do you do when you apply for a job? You give out all kinds of personal information, your name, address, home and work telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, sometimes even your date of birth and social security number. This information is exactly what you would want to know if you're an identity thief or other criminal.

Here are a few examples of scams that can happen if you are not careful:

-You respond to an online job advertisement. You're contacted via e-mail for a fake interview. Then, you're asked for bank account information in order to "direct deposit" your paychecks. Guess what? It's a trick and the crooks drain your account.

-You get an e-mail from a recruiter or company that's hiring wanting to know personal details for a pre-employment background check. In this scenario you could find yourself in the same situation, information is used to steal your identity.

-You post your resume online with your social security number and other personal information. Criminals find it and use the information to get fake credit cards and loans – in your name.

-You respond to an online job advertisement seeking a "correspondence manager" or maybe an "import/export specialist." You are hired and asked to ship products for your employer overseas. It turns out to be a reshipping scam. The items you shipped were purchased online using stolen credit cards. Not only that, you have shipped them illegally to thieves in Nigeria and other countries.

What can you do to avoid being scammed? The following are practical guidelines to stay safe while online:

Think twice about telling all on your online resume. Do you really need to provide detailed personal information? Consider posting your resume more anonymously, with an e-mail address as your primary contact point.

Never provide a potential employer (that your only contact has been on-line or through an e-mail) with your bank account or credit card information, a scan of your driver's license or other ID, or a detailed description of yourself. That's just asking for trouble.

Never pay upfront for any job opportunity (they're supposed to be paying you) and never forward, transfer, or wire money to a prospective employer.

Be wary of job listings with misspellings, grammatical mistakes, and terms such as 'money transfers,' 'wiring funds,' 'package-forwarding,' and 'import/export specialist.' Those are big clues that something is wrong.

And what if you do fall for one of these cons? REPORT IT. Start damage control immediately – first, close all bank and e-mail accounts linked to the fraud. Then, contact the three major credit bureaus to place fraud alerts on your credit files and regularly monitor your credit reports for unusual activity. Then, help clean up the Internet by reporting the fraud to the online job site where the scam was posted and by filing a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Abandoned Homes and Crime

Douglas County, like the rest of the country, has seen a recent spike in the number of foreclosed homes. Abandoned or foreclosed homes can diminish an area's quality. As they deteriorate from neglect, these homes become eye sores that drag down the property value of other homes in the neighborhood. Because the widespread foreclosure problem arose from mortgage defaults, it affects all types of neighborhoods -- from the lowest to the highest income areas. But you don't have to sit back and watch a foreclosed home fall apart. You can take actions to protect your neighborhood and your property value.

Foreclosed homes can be problematic for neighborhoods. Unlike other empty homes, which are usually under the watchful eye of the owners or a real estate agent, foreclosed homes are often left unattended for months -- from before a bank takes ownership of the house until after it's sold.

Crime is a major concern with vacant homes. Unkempt lawns and dilapidated roofs advertise to thieves that the home is empty. Many of these opportunists will rob the home of copper pipes, copper wiring, appliances and fixtures. Homeless persons or runaways may seek shelter in the buildings. These abandoned homes may also be appealing as a secret place to party and use drugs.

The foreclosure and resale processes are often long, and can be frustrating for neighbors. There are a few things you can do in the meantime to help maintain safety and quality of life in your community. When you notice a property going astray - such as grass height not meeting the appropriate community standards or obvious damage - locate the owners of the property so they can immediately handle the situation and reduce the financial loss. To find out who owns the home, you can contact the Douglas County Assessor. Another option is to try contacting the realtor who is listing the property with your concerns if the home is up for sale.

To report zoning violations in the unincorporated area of Douglas County such as excess trash or abandoned vehicles, you can contact Douglas County Planning Department at 541-440-4289. For nuisance or code complaints within city limits, call your local city hall.

The appearance of a neighborhood is a key factor in preventing crime. If all the homes in a neighborhood are well-kept, unsavory characters will be less able to distinguish between occupied and vacant homes.

Citizens can take a stand to protect themselves and their communities. Organizing community cleanup days and establishing neighborhood watch groups are excellent ways to prevent crime in your community.

If you and your neighbors do not participate in Neighborhood Watch, having a foreclosed home nearby is a great reason to get involved. Through Neighborhood Watch, residents partner with law enforcement to identify, prevent and solve crime in residential neighborhoods.

By organizing a Neighborhood Watch program in your community you can keep track of who's moving in and who's leaving so you know which homes are at risk.

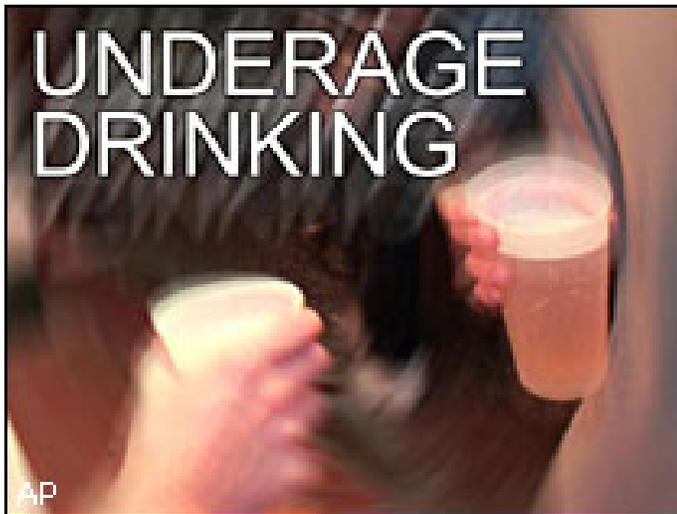
You can get creative and assist in making the home appear lived in by parking cars in the driveways of vacant homes to give the appearance that the home is occupied, maintaining the lawn, clearing trash and organizing neighborhood clean-up projects. Other creative techniques for you to try include hanging curtains and blinds in the windows, making sure that deadbolts are used for the locks, and encouraging the use of motion detectors, flood lights and cameras to catch burglars.

Before you attempt any of these more creative options, make sure you talk to the owner or a representative of the bank holding the property title. Making alterations to a property, even positive ones, can be construed as trespassing.

It is also important to report suspicious activity by calling your local law enforcement agency at 541-440-4471. If possible, report it as it happens. To report a crime in progress, call 911. The Sheriff's Office needs your eyes and ears to help identify illegal activity.

To start a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, or to learn more, call 541-440-4486.

Social Hosting and Underage Drinking



Between graduation parties, prom parties, and end-of-school celebrations, your teen's calendar is likely to be full of festive events in the coming months. You and your teen might be planning a party of your own. You may have mulled over many of the party-planning details, but have you thought about what might happen if you allow alcohol and drugs at your event? Even if you don't buy alcohol for your teen's party, youth may still get it from your home or from a sibling or friend who is over the age of 21.

Some parents believe that it's safer for their teens to drink at home than to drink anywhere else. They may be concerned about drinking and driving accidents. Other adults, including some parents, mistakenly think that underage drinking is part of growing up. They may view it as a rite of passage—one that often follows a teen's high school graduation instead of his 21st birthday.

The truth is that teen drinking parties can be the source of many problems—of which only one is driving. Drinking parties almost always involve binge drinking, and can lead to violence, sexual assault, rape, and even alcohol poisoning.

While parents do have the legal right to provide alcohol to their own children in their own home, it is illegal to purchase, aid, or give alcohol to other minors. Under these social hosting laws, adults who serve or supply alcohol to persons under the

age of 21 can be held liable if any of those underage persons are killed, injured, or are sexually assaulted. Adults also can be held responsible if teens who drink at their homes kill, injure or sexually abuse another person, or damage property. Adults who break these laws could be charged for medical bills and property damage and could be sued for emotional pain and suffering.

Adults may be held responsible even if they're not home when underage drinking occurs. They also may be held responsible if underage drinking takes place anywhere on their property. Social host liability laws often extend to parents who fail to take sufficient measures to prevent underage drinking in their homes. You might think twice about leaving your teen home alone during a weekend.

Also research shows that underage drinking is a major threat to the health and safety of youth, not only with drinking and driving, which is a major cause of death among teens, but also with a host of other negative consequences such as lowered academic performance, sexual assault, fights and violence resulting in personal injury. And the earlier a young person is exposed to alcohol the more likely they are to develop life-long drinking problems.

This year, at the 7th Annual Truth, Lies & Videotapes which will be held on Friday, April 9 at Jacoby Auditorium, Sheriff John Hanlin will be providing closing remarks and a "Call to Action" to stop underage drinking. He will be asking parents and other adults to join him in signing a pledge which includes hosting alcohol-free, tobacco-free and other drug-free parties for youth. Parents have a powerful voice in their teen's lives and decisions.

Please join Sheriff John Hanlin and other adults in providing a safe environment for our teens to have a good time and celebrate.

Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between February 1-28, 2010 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

Burglaries

34000 block Hwy 38, Scottsburg
100 block Idleyld Park Ln, Idleyld Park
200 block Oak St, Yoncalla
500 block Transfer Rd, Yoncalla
2000 block Hardscrabble Rd, Drain
100 block Zachary Ln, Roseburg
2700 block S Hwy 99, Green
300 block Shadow Ranch Ln, Roseburg
7700 block N Hwy 99, Winchester
3800 block Reston Rd, Tenmile
100 block Transfer Rd, Tiller
1300 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek

Thefts

8600 block Hayhurst Rd, Drain
4000 block Hardscrabble Rd, Drain
200 block Curtin Park Rd, Curtin
200 block Transfer Rd, Elkton
800 block John Long Rd, Oakland
4100 block Green Valley Rd, Oakland
Hwy 138 W / MP 16, Oakland
100 block Dillard St, Dillard
100 block Ash St, Green
26000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Tiller
500 block E Second Ave, Riddle
2700 block South Umpqua Rd, Tiller
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln, Canyonville
200 block Pruner Rd, Myrtle Creek
100 block SW Pine Ave, Canyonville
300 block B Ave, Canyonville
600 block Irving Dr, Myrtle Creek
100 block Montgomery Ave, Glendale
4200 block Quines Creek Rd, Azalea
300 Outback Ln, Glendale

Criminal Mischief

100 block Main Camas Rd, Camas Valley
2000 block Glide Loop Dr, Glide
300 block E Locust Ct, Yoncalla
100 block Main St, Yoncalla
100 block Laquinta Ct, Roseburg
100 block Mobridge Ave, Roseburg
200 block SE Jackson St, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
500 block Meadow Ave, Roseburg
900 block Union Gap Loop Rd, Oakland
4100 block Green Valley Rd, Oakland
8100 block Nonpareil Rd, Sutherlin
6000 block Upper Ollala Rd, Tenmile
100 block First St, Dillard
700 block Diamond Elk Rd, Tiller
400 block N Park St, Riddle
8500 block Azalea Glen Rd, Glendale
300 block Junction Rd, Glendale
2500 block Azalea Glen Rd, Azalea
200 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale
300 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale
400 block Willis Ave, Glendale
100 block W Pacific Ave, Glendale
3800 block Upper Cow Creek Rd, Azalea

Motor Vehicle Thefts

200 block Upper Smith River Rd, Drain
2300 block Hubbard Creek Rd, Umpqua
1000 block Seeley Ave, Myrtle Creek

Fraud

5100 block Hwy 38, Drain
200 block Candy Ln, Roseburg
1400 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
6600 block Oakhill Rd, Umpqua
300 block Boyd St, Canyonville
100 block Ash Creek Rd, Riddle

Thefts from a Motor Vehicle

400 block Plateau St, Gardiner
200 block Fifth St, Yoncalla
3100 block Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
200 block Pruner Rd, Myrtle Creek
100 block Montgomery Ave, Glendale
300 block Fortune Branch Rd, Azalea

Drug Offense

900 block Juniper Ave, Reedsport
700 block John Long Rd, Oakland
200 block N First St, Drain
Division Ave / Elder, Drain
4700 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1800 block Klamath Ave, Roseburg
500 block Alameda Ave, Roseburg
1000 block Colonial Rd, Melrose
Cleveland Hill / Melrose Rd, Melrose
500 block Melrose Rd, Melrose
3400 block Doerner Cutoff Rd, Melrose
2000 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg
1000 block Douglas Ave, Roseburg
400 block Clarice Ln, Roseburg
1000 block Lower Garden Valley Rd, Roseburg
500 block SE Stephens St, Roseburg
Cass Ave / SE Stephens St, Roseburg
800 block Cleveland Rapids Rd, Roseburg
3700 block Del Rio Rd, Roseburg
1900 block Castle St, Green
4500 block Riddle Bypass Rd, Riddle
200 block Pruner Rd, Riddle
100 block Klooster Ln, Canyonville
1900 block Gazley Rd, Canyonville
100 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek



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