

Community Newsletter

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541-440-4447

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541-440-4327

Concealed Handgun Licensing

541-957-2021

Garage Sale Safety



Are you having a garage sale anytime soon? Most everyone loves a good deal. Many people come to see what you have to offer for sale, but some come to look for other reasons. At a time when there are many strangers coming to your house it is essential that you practice some good physical security measures. This could potentially save you a lot of heartache later on.

If your sale is in your garage, yard or street, keep the doors to your house locked while you are outside. It would be very easy for someone to walk into your unlocked house and "browse" through your purse or other belongings while you are occupied with other people. This would include the back door and interior garage door that leads into your house. In one instance a woman reported that during her garage sale she found someone inside her house and her expensive vacuum on the front walk, no doubt waiting for the right moment to carry it to their car. The person in the house claimed they were looking for the bathroom. Unless you know the person, don't allow anyone to use your bathroom. They could look through your medicine cabinet for prescription drugs, jewelry, or check out your house on their way to or from the bathroom. Also, unless they are escorted by you, they could easily walk into your bedroom where you might have valuables.

It is also essential to keep a very close watch on your cash box. A couple of years ago, a woman reported that she had walked about two feet away from her cash box to answer some questions from a man behind her. When she turned back around about 30 seconds later, her cash box was gone. This was probably the work of two people working together.

We would like to believe that everyone is honest and would never do something like that in our own neighborhood. But the reality is that unscrupulous people are everywhere and some read the paper or follow the garage sale signs for the sole purpose of stealing something from you.

If you are planning a garage sale, have fun, but remember to adhere to these security and safety practices.

Give Wisely

Giving donations to charities is a great thing to do. There are many charitable organizations that make our world a better place. Unfortunately, wherever people are willing to give, there are unethical people willing to take advantage of them.

That is why I get so upset when I hear about scams like the one recently involving an organization called Search and Rescue Charities. In this scam they called residents around Douglas County asking for donations that would be given locally to our Search and Rescue. Unfortunately, for everyone involved, this is not a legitimate fundraiser. Our office has made attempts to contact this organization, but so far we have not been able to reach anyone.

This brings me to sharing with you some “red-flags” when it comes to giving to charities. Charity fraud occurs when an individual or group deliberately misrepresents its fundraising intentions or solicits funds for phony causes. Fraudulent fundraisers use many of the same techniques as reputable fundraisers, but they may do so in a questionable or illegal way.

Some charities operate just inside the law but outside of ethical boundaries, spending an excessive amount on fundraising and administrative costs but still contributing a legally acceptable percentage of donated funds to the programs.

To prevent yourself from being a victim of charity fraud you should always ask how your money will be used. Ask what percentage will go to the actual programs versus the administrative costs. It is also a good idea to request written information that gives the full name, address and phone numbers of the organization as well as a description of the programs it supports.

Ask for the charity’s tax-exempt letter indicating its IRS status. You can’t claim a tax-deductible donation if the charity does not have one.

Don’t give in to high pressure or emotional appeals that urge you to donate on the spot. If you are unsure, don’t be afraid to ask for more information. No legitimate organization will insist that you contribute immediately.

Resist the urge to donate impulsively to callers identifying themselves as local police or firefighters. Call the local organization mentioned by the telemarketer and verify the claims.

Give directly to the charity if possible, rather than to an organization claiming it will forward your donation to the charity. Don’t be fooled by a name that closely resembles the name of a respected and well-known charity. Make sure you know who you are dealing with.



Operation Identification



Most burglars sell what they steal, making it hard for police to trace stolen goods. Once items are gone from your home - your electronic equipment, your bikes and your tools look just like thousands of others. Unless you can prove it is yours, police cannot return it. To help protect your personal property, join the Operation Identification Program.

Operation Identification (Operation ID) is a citizen's burglary prevention program for use in homes and businesses. The Operation ID program involves marking property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. It also provides police with

a way to identify property should it be stolen and recovered. In communities where it has been properly implemented, Operation ID has shown dramatic results in burglary reduction.

Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of—it can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. And, if a burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

Using an engraving tool inscribe your driver's license number, prefaced by "OR" for Oregon and followed by "DL" for Driver's License. Example: **OR1234567DL**

A driver's license number is the most desirable identification number to use because it is directly traceable to you. If you do not drive, you can get an Oregon Identification Card from the DMV. Mark your property in the same way you would if it were a driver's license number. (See above) Your "mark" should be plainly visible to anyone examining your property, such as an officer, dealing with recovered items.

Make sure it is in an accessible spot, permanently affixed to the item, not on a removable part like a lid, a plate, doors, etc.

Professional thieves often remove manufacturer's serial numbers or etch over your engraved mark. This will be apparent to an examining officer/deputy. For ADDED protection, against erasure of your mark, engrave the item a second time in a more obscure spot, like the inside cover.

After marking your property, make a list of your valuables, and keep a copy of the list in a safe place. It is also a good idea to take photos of small valuable items, such as jewelry, and keep the pictures along with your record of other marked items. If you should become a burglary victim, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from the list. This will be of great help to police in their attempts to recover stolen possessions.

The Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Division has engravers to loan should you need one. For more information regarding Operation ID please call 440-4486.

Burglaries

18000 block N. Umpqua Hwy, Glide
200 block Oakwood Dr., Oakland
400 block Krewson Ave., Drain
4100 block Hwy 38, Drain
500 block Newton Creek Rd., Roseburg
1000 block S. Deer Creek Rd., Roseburg
1000 block Plateau Dr., Roseburg
9200 block Tyee Rd., Umpqua
8800 block Hwy 42., Tenmile
300 block Gael Ln., Myrtle Creek
300 block Donald Terrace Rd., Myrtle Creek
200 block N. Sixth St., Glendale

Thefts

12000 block Hwy 42, Tenmile
200 block Discovery Point Ln., Winchester Bay
2000 block Toketee Rigdon Rd, Diamond Lake
2000 block Thorn Prairie Rd, Diamond Lake
32000 block N. Umpqua Hwy, Idleyld Park
3200 block Curtain Rd, Curtain
4500 block Anlauf Rd., Yoncalla
5700 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
2500 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
400 block Cattle Dr., Dixonville
20 block Osage Dr., Garden Valley
400 block Parrott Creek Rd., Roseburg
3200 block Johnson St., Roseburg

300 block Smethwick Dr., Umpqua
1100 block Umpqua College Rd., Umpqua
8300 block Tyee Rd., Umpqua
200 block Grant Smith Rd., Green
100 block Clellon Ct., Green
2900 block Happy Valley Rd., Roseburg
4600 block Carnes Rd., Green
3300 block Carnes Rd., Green
700 block Pruner Rd., Myrtle Creek
100 block N. Main St., Canyonville
4000 block Gazley Rd., Canyonville
100 block Creekside Rd., Canyonville
100 block Swingley Ln., Days Creek
100 block Chief Miwaleta Ln., Canyonville
1000 block Skyline Dr., Myrtle Creek
1300 block Aviation Dr., Myrtle Creek
100 block Gentry Lp., Myrtle Creek
100 block Major Dr., Glendale

Thefts from Motor Vehicle

200 block Upper Terrace Ln., Glide
600 block John Long Rd., Oakland
500 block Clarice Ln., Winchester
100 block Ryland Dr., Green
900 block Knoll Ave., Green
1400 block Austin Rd., Roseburg
300 block S. Main St., Canyonville
400 block N. Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek
100 block S. Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek

Motor Vehicle Theft

400 block Gardner Ave., Drain
2800 block Melqua Rd., Melrose
1400 block Sparks Rd., Oakland
1800 block Austin Rd., Green

Criminal Mischief

27000 block Hwy 42, Camas Valley
2200 block Oar Creek Rd., Reedsport
76000 block Hwy 101, Reedsport
800 block John Long Rd., Oakland
2500 block NE Stephens St., Roseburg
2200 block Circle Dr., Green
100 block Char St., Green
2700 block Happy Valley Rd., Roseburg
2000 block Del Mar Dr., Green
100 block E. First Ave., Riddle
200 block S. Main St., Canyonville
100 block N. Main St., Canyonville
6000 block Tiller Trail Hwy., Canyonville
100 block N. Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek
900 block Cook St., Myrtle Creek
1100 block N. Pacific Hwy., Myrtle Creek
400 block W. Pacific Ave., Glendale
300 block N. Third St., Glendale
200 block Harrel Ln., Azalea
900 block Gilbert Ave., Glendale



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