

# Community Newsletter

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## Tips to Outwit Thieves

Every day, thousands of people come home or wake up only to realize they've been robbed. A real threat to any homeowner, burglary can be one of the most devastating things to happen to a house and a family. Still, there are ways to make a home less "robber friendly" and thus, less likely to fall victim to the bad guys.

**Make it hard:** Burglars like the smash and grab job for a reason: it's quick and easy. Taking away this concept of convenience can help take away power from the prowler. Installing window locks, deadbolts, and chains automatically makes it harder for a robber to gain access. If you have a large doggie door, lock it up at night and during times when no one is home and if you insist on sleeping with your window open on hot summer nights, use a lock or a stick so it only opens an inch or two. If burglars know getting into your house will be an "all night affair," they won't waste their time. They aren't, after all, what we would consider "hard workers."

**Add uninviting landscaping:** Use gravel or lava rock instead of beauty bark next to the house. People walking on the gravel make a crunching noise, alerting residents that someone is on the property. Plant holly bushes, roses or other prickly plants under windows to deter prowlers.

**Lights, Camera, Action:** The light bulb, the best robbery deterrent. Nothing frightens a burglar away like the fear that the proverbial spotlight will find them. Interior lights are great for giving an impression that someone is home, even when your house is empty. Exterior lights illuminate the outside of your house and make it harder for a burglar to pry open a door or smash a window unnoticed. Invest in motion detecting lights and keep all your lights mounted high - so burglars can't easily unscrew light bulbs.

**Strangers at the door:** Adults are the worst offenders when it comes to answering the door to strangers. Don't open the door to strangers, not even salesmen or women, unless you want to buy something. Don't be afraid of shouting through the closed door to say you're not interested.

**Bring in the noise:** Whether you have an alarm or just a dog who thinks he's an alarm, noise is essential in scaring away a would-be thief. Placing signs up - such as "Beware of Dog" or those advertising your burglar alarm system - can also help. If burglars think there's potential for noise, your house probably won't become a potential target.

**Track your stuff:** Keep an inventory of your property, especially electronics. List serial numbers, model numbers and brands. Take a photo of items, and keep it in a safe place. If stolen belongings are recovered, the ability to prove ownership improves chances of getting them back.

**Theft for the holidays:** Don't leave the cardboard box for the 50-inch plasma screen TV or the container for any other large appliance or electronics outside your home. It advertises the newest toy to steal in your house.

**Think like a Burglar:** You don't have to be bad to the bone to think like a burglar, you just need a little imagination. Take some time to "case" your house the way a robber would. Is there a broken door handle to the garage that doesn't always lock? Are there valuables in visible and tempting places of your house? Is there a ladder that would be perfect for accessing an upstairs window? Think like burglars then - amending what you must for protection - go back to thinking like a homeowner.

## Internet Auction Fraud

Internet auctions have become a hot trend for everyone from collectors to trinket sellers. While their popularity continues to grow among both buyers and sellers, so does the number of fraud complaints from consumers.

There are many types of auction fraud. It could be a misrepresentation of a product advertised for sale through an Internet auction site, a failure to ship the merchandise, failure to pay for the item bid on, the sale of stolen or counterfeit goods through an auction or it could be an easy way to steal your money or credit card information, because the merchandise you bid on never existed.

To help make your next Internet auction transaction run as smooth as possible, please review the following tips:

Before you bid on anything online you should have an understanding on how Internet auctions work, the different auctions available, what your obligations are as a buyer, and what the seller's obligations are.

If you are thinking of bidding on an item, you should learn as much as possible about the seller, especially if the only information you have is an e-mail address. Be sure to check the seller's feedback rating. If it is a business, check the Better Business Bureau where the seller/business is located.

Before you bid, do your homework. Be sure you understand what you're bidding on, its relative value, and all terms and conditions of the sale. This includes the seller's return policies and who pays for shipping. Establish your top price and stick to it.

Evaluate your payment options. It is a good idea to pay with a credit card to ensure the most protection if something goes wrong. If the seller doesn't accept credit cards, consider using an escrow service.

Think twice before committing to an online auction transaction if you encounter any of the following scenarios:

Beware if the seller posts the auction as if he resides in the United States, then responds to with a congratulatory email stating he is outside the United States for business reasons, family emergency, etc. Similarly, beware of sellers who post the auction under one name, and ask for the funds to be transferred to another individual. Do not commit to the transaction if the seller requests funds to be wired directly to him/her via Western Union, MoneyGram, or bank-to-bank wire transfer. By using these services, the money is virtually unrecoverable with no recourse for the victim.

Avoid sellers acting as authorized dealers or factory representatives in countries where there would be no such dealers.

If you are selling items using an online auction website, be wary of buyers who ask for the purchase to be shipped using a certain method to avoid customs or taxes inside another country.

Also, be suspect of any credit card purchases where the address of the card holder does not match the shipping address. Always receive the card holder's authorization before shipping any products.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years!

## If You Catch a Buzz, Catch a Ride

The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations, but it is unfortunately also a time when there is a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities each year between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

That is why the Douglas County Sheriff's Office is joining with other national, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials to remind everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol.

Remembering to designate a sober driver before the party begins is just one of several, simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving during the holiday season. Other important reminders include:

- Never get behind the wheel of your vehicle if you've been out drinking;
- If impaired, call a taxi – use mass transit if available – or call a sober friend or family member to come and get you;
- Or, just stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober;
- If you are hosting a party this holiday season, remind your guests to always plan ahead to designate a sober driver, always offer alcohol-free beverages during the event, and make sure all of your guests leave with a sober driver; and
- *Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.* Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think they are about to drive while impaired.

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Nationally, more than 11,773 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2008. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

Since 1981, every President of the United States has proclaimed December "National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" to help underscore the public's commitment to preventing impaired driving and promoting the use of designated drivers and sober ride programs. The month of December and the New Year's Eve holiday are also often highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols.

Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant and not the way you want to spend your holiday season.

So remember, this holiday season, if you catch a buzz, catch a ride.



## Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between November 1 –30, 2009 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

### Burglaries

10 block Birchwood Ln, Idleyld Park  
2100 block Little River Rd, Glide  
100 block Upper Camp Loop Rd, Glide  
2300 block Buck Creek Rd, Curtin  
4900 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
100 block Shell Ln, Roseburg  
600 block Loreda Dr, Roseburg  
1700 block SE Jackson St, Roseburg  
3300 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg  
3200 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
2600 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
100 block Village Dr, Roseburg  
4400 block Carnes Rd, Green  
1000 block Larson Rd, Green  
2000 block Green Ave, Green  
100 block Georginna Dr, Green  
100 block Berry Loop Ln, Green  
400 block Devils Knob Rd, Tiller  
600 block NW Geary St, Canyonville  
800 block E Second Av, Riddle  
200 block Arrow Way, Myrtle Creek  
200 block Carte Ln, Myrtle Creek  
7700 block Azalea Glen Rd, Glendale

### Thefts

9500 block Loon Lake Rd, Reedsport  
13000 block North Bank Rd, Wilbur  
300 block W "B" Av, Drain  
500 block John Long Rd, Oakland  
3100 block Follett St, Roseburg  
400 block Glenda Av, Roseburg  
3300 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg  
400 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
100 block Plat M Rd, Sutherlin  
400 block Stearns Ln, Oakland

1800 block Wilbur Rd, Roseburg  
100 block Silverado Ct, Green  
5100 block S Hwy 99, Green  
100 block First St, Dillard  
300 block Dairy Loop Rd, Lookingglass  
100 block Surprise Valley Ln, Canyonville  
200 block N Main St, Canyonville  
100 block N Main St, Canyonville  
400 block E First Av, Riddle  
100 block Jack Ct, Myrtle Creek  
3000 block Boomer Hill Rd, Myrtle Creek  
300 block Weaver Av, Myrtle Creek  
1300 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek  
1000 block N Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek  
3000 block Snow Creek Rd, Azalea

### Thefts from Motor Vehicle

300 block South Camas Rd, Camas Valley  
2000 block Thorn Prairie Rd, Diamond Lk  
8400 block North Umpqua Hwy, Roseburg  
1800 block Stearns Ln, Oakland  
500 block N Main St, Canyonville  
6800 block North Myrtle Rd, Myrtle Creek

### Criminal Mischief

76000 block Hwy 101, Reedsport  
100 block Goodrich Hwy, Oakland  
300 block Todd Rd, Oakland  
400 block Anlauf Rd, Yoncalla  
200 block Page Rd, Roseburg  
100 block Oak Valley Lp, Roseburg  
4100 block NE Stephens, Roseburg  
2200 block Buckhorn Rd, Roseburg  
2700 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg  
500 block Troost St, Roseburg  
8800 block Green Valley Rd, Oakland  
2900 block Metz Hill, Oakland  
1000 block Oakhill Rd, Wilbur  
1300 block Old Pioneer Rd, Sutherlin  
14000 block Tyee Rd, Oakland  
7000 block Nonpareil Rd, Sutherlin  
15000 block Tyee Rd, Oakland  
9100 block Driver Valley Rd, Oakland

12000 block Driver Valley Rd, Oakland  
3700 block Del Rio Rd, Roseburg  
30 block Santa Rosa Ct, Green  
100 block Deaton Ct, Canyonville  
500 block Glenbrook Loop Rd, Riddle  
300 block Maple St, Riddle  
700 block Fourth Av, Riddle  
100 block S Main St, Riddle  
300 block W Pacific Av, Glendale  
10000 block Azalea Glen Rd, Glendale  
100 block Sether Av, Glendale  
700 block Quines Creek Rd, Azalea

### Motor Vehicle Thefts

200 block Hogan Rd, Oakland  
400 block Harlan Av, Drain  
2600 block Diamond Lake Blvd, Roseburg  
300 block Happy Valley Rd, Roseburg  
100 block Santiam Ln, Green  
100 block Silverado Ct, Green  
100 block Lancaster Av, Green  
500 block N Main St, Canyonville  
100 block Clarissa St, Glendale

### Drug Offense

500 block Triangle Rd, Winchester Bay  
300 block Ranch Rd, Reedsport  
800 block John Long Rd, Oakland  
500 block John Long Rd, Oakland  
2700 block Edenbower Blvd, Roseburg  
2300 block NE Stephens St, Roseburg  
3100 block S Hwy 99, Roseburg  
3700 block Del Rio Rd, Roseburg  
9600 block S Hwy 99, Dillard  
200 block N Civil Bend St, Winston  
400 block SW Fourth Pl, Canyonville  
2000 block Gazley Rd, Canyonville  
20000 block Tiller Trail Hwy, Days Creek  
600 block E Second Av, Riddle  
200 block S Pacific Hwy, Myrtle Creek  
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200 block Conrad St, Myrtle Creek  
Brown St/Sether Av, Glendale



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