

# Community Newsletter

## Garage Sale Safety

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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.

First rule of thumb is never operating a garage sale alone. Consider inviting or joining with other neighbors and to have a "neighborhood wide" yard sale. If you chose to do one with only your household, make sure you always have enough family members to assist you and to watch your property being sold.

Assign family members or neighbors to certain tasks, such as one in charge of and guarding the cash box; another, assisting the customer; yet another, observing and making sure no one strays into areas of your property that are "off limits" to the public.

Make sure your garage is clearly marked and directs people to stay within a designated area of the garage. Separate items or areas that are not part of the garage sale.

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.

Always have a cell phone or wireless phone near you so you can avoid having to run into the house to answer the phone. If asked by

a customer to use your phone inside your house, do not allow it. If it's a real emergency, place the call for them.

If asked by a customer to use your bathroom, do not allow it. Remember, you probably have prescription drugs or other personal medications in your medicine cabinet that strangers would have access to if they entered your bathroom.

Do not leave the cash box unattended. Periodically take large bills into a safe place inside you home and avoid displaying large bills.

Never allow anyone one to distract you; always attend to one individual at a time when you are conducting cash transactions.

Do NOT accept personal checks, PERIOD. Let the customer know that you will hold the item while they go to the bank or ATM and get cash. NEVER accept 3<sup>rd</sup> party checks.

Report any person that looks suspicious or that is attempting to "sell" you merchandise to local law enforcement.

Be sure to take everything back into the garage after each day of sales. Do not leave anything outside.

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.

## 10 Tips for a Safer Vacation

Do you have a vacation planned for the summer? If you are like most families, you do. Here are ten safety tips you can practice to help make your vacation a little bit safer.

1. Before you leave, make sure someone has contact information so that they may get a hold of you in the case of an emergency. A neighbor would be the ideal person since they will be the closest person to see things going on at your house and can call you immediately.
2. Make sure everyone in your family; including all the kids know your cell phone numbers. If they somehow get separated from you they can call you. If you are visiting friends or family they should have or memorize those numbers as well.
3. Discuss with all the members of your family what to do if one of them gets lost. Go to the meeting place, or to an employee of a store or venue. They can also approach a uniformed Security or Police Officer, if they see one. Make sure you go over some scenarios about what to do and what not to do.
4. When going to an attraction or event, set up a meeting place that everyone knows to gather if a member of your family gets separated.
5. Distribute your spending money between cash, traveler's checks, credit cards, and debit cards. That way if you lose any one of them, you will have a back up of money somewhere else. Keep them in various places like husband's wallet, wife's purse, hotel room safe, or at a friend's house locked up.
6. When unloading your car at a hotel or other place, lock the doors between trips to the room. Many a traveler has left the car's door or trunk unlocked, or even open, only to find that while they were taking one load of stuff to the room, someone took their camera, camcorder, golf clubs, laptop, you name it.
7. Be aware of crimes of opportunity in such places as the beach, in a park, or at the pool. If you leave a camera, wallet, purse, iPod, cell phone, room key, or other things of value under your towel or in your shoe while you go swim, it may not be there when you get back. If you have valuables with you, someone should stay with them. Some criminals make their living off of tourists in these situations.
8. Make sure you have maps, or a GPS to help you navigate. If you have an emergency and have to call 911 from your cell phone you will need to be able to tell them where you are. Pay attention to the names of streets you are on or know what landmarks are around you.
9. Consider using cash at restaurants or anyplace where your credit or debit card would be out of your possession even for a short amount of time. This could prevent someone from running them through a hand held skimmer or copying the numbers and using them.
10. Pay attention to ATM's. Look closely to make sure it doesn't have a skimmer attached. We are seeing more and more of them these days. Criminals often put skimmers on ATM's in tourist locations such as ports where a cruise ship might stop.

Another tip to consider is to not announce on Facebook or other social networking sites that you are currently away on vacation. Share your stories and pictures when you return.

**Hope you enjoy your vacation and stay safe!**

## Relationships Shouldn't Hurt



Domestic violence is a serious problem, and it's not just an adult problem. Teens experience abuse in their relationships, too. In fact, teens and young adults are often the most at risk for domestic violence. It affects many people in many ways and it can happen anywhere and to anyone.

Dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. Calling dating violence a pattern doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time.

Every relationship is different, but the one thing that is common to most abusive dating relationships is that the violence escalates over time and becomes more and more dangerous for the young victim.

The relationship may be sexual, but it does not have to be. It may be serious or casual, monogamous or not, short-term or long-term. The important thing to remember is that dating violence occurs within an intimate relationship.

Power and control are at the core of dating violence. Violent words and actions are tools an abusive partner uses to gain and maintain power and control over his or her partner.

Teens and young adults experience the same types

of abuse in relationships as adults. This can include:

**Physical abuse:** any intentional use of physical force with the intent to cause fear or injury, like hitting, shoving, biting, strangling, kicking or using a weapon;

**Emotional abuse:** non-physical behaviors such as threats, insults, constant monitoring, humiliation, intimidation, isolation or stalking;

**Sexual abuse:** any action that impacts a person's ability to control their sexual activity or the circumstances in which sexual activity occurs, including rape, coercion or restricting access to birth control;

While teens experience the same types of abuse as adults, often the methods are unique to teen culture. For example, teens often report "digital abuse" — receiving threats by text messages or being stalked on facebook or other social networking sites.

Here are some warning signs to be aware of:

- Does your partner check your cell phone or email without permission?
- Are you being constantly put-down?
- Is your partner extreme with jealousy or insecurity issues?
- Is he or she possessive of you and your time?
- Does your partner have an explosive temper?
- Are you being controlled financially?
- Does your partner isolate you from family or friends?
- Are you being told what to do on a frequent basis by your partner?
- Are you being physically hurt in any way?

Everyone, regardless of age, has the right to a safe and healthy relationship, free from violence and free from fear. To learn more about how young people can prevent, diagnose and escape unhealthy relationships, visit [thesafespace.org](http://thesafespace.org). For a local resource you can contact Battered Persons' Advocacy at 541-673-7867.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 9-1-1 right away.

# Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between June 1—30, 2011 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.

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<b><u>Canyonville</u></b> 6/01 Burglary 700 Block Stagecoach Rd 6/06 Criminal Mischief 100 Block N Main St 6/08 Theft 100 Block N Main St 6/09 Theft 300 Block Huffman St 6/12 Fraud 500 Block S Main St 6/22 Crim Mischief 100 Block Chief Miwaleta 6/23 Theft 400 Block Bluebird Ln 6/29 Drug Offense 1500 Block Tiller Trail	<b><u>Myrtle Creek</u></b> 6/02 Theft 200 Block Crest Dr 6/02 Theft 200 Block S Pacific Hwy 6/05 Theft 3600 Block Bilger Creek Rd 6/21 Burglary 1300 Block N Pacific Hwy	<b><u>Sutherlin</u></b> 6/16 Drug Offense 6400 Block Nonpareil Rd 6/17 Drug Offense 6400 Block Nonpareil Rd
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<b><u>Elkton</u></b> 6/15 Criminal Mischief 700 Block River Dr	<b><u>Reedsport</u></b> 6/20 Drug Offense 48000 Block Hwy 38 6/28 Theft 2000 Block Five Mile Rd	<b><u>Winchester</u></b> 6/03 Theft 100 Block North River Dr 6/15 Motor Veh Theft 3700 Block Del Rio Rd
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<b><u>Green</u></b> 6/01 Criminal Mischief 3800 Block Krohn Ln 6/03 Drug Offense 3600 Block Carnes Rd 6/03 Drug Offense Bourne St / Castle St 6/05 Theft 100 Block Pepsi Rd 6/05 Theft 100 Block Berry Loop Ln 6/07 Criminal Mischief 200 Block Monte Dr 6/08 Criminal Mischief 100 Block Capitola Ct 6/08 Motor Veh Theft 100 Block Wenaha Ln 6/09 Criminal Mischief 200 Block Berry Loop Ln 6/10 Theft From Mtr Veh 200 Roberts Creek Rd 6/11 Fraud 1800 Block Linnell Av 6/11 Criminal Mischief 2100 Block Castle St 6/11 Fraud 300 Block Twin Springs Ln		<b><u>Yoncalla</u></b> 6/04 Criminal Mischief 500 Block Charles St 6/19 Theft From Mtr Veh 600 Block Main St



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