



# Crime Prevention

## Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information. You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

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1. Discuss the role and value of laws in society with regard to crime and crime prevention.

We have laws to protect people and communities from criminals. Also to have rules in communities so citizens don't cause caos.

Include in your discussion the definitions of "crime" and "crime prevention."

"Crime":

A crime is generally a deliberate act that results in harm, physical or otherwise

"Crime prevention."

Crime prevention is to keep illegal activity from happening

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- 2. Prepare a journal from various sources that addresses crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.
- 3. Discuss the following with your counselor:
  - a. The role of citizens, including youth, in crime prevention

- Don't do illegal activity
    - Report suspicious activity
    - Become a police officer

- b. Gangs and their impact on the community

- Dangerous
    - Illegal activity (drugs, shooting, ect.)
    - Racial tensions

- c. When and how to report a crime

- Call 9-1-1
    - Report suspicious activity
    - Find a local police man

- 4. After doing EACH of the following, discuss with your counselor what you have learned.
  - a. Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime.

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Learn how to do a crime prevention survey.

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- b. Using the checklist in this (*the merit badge*) pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family. (*A copy of the Home Safety Checklist can be found at the end of this workbook.*)

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- 5. Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home.
- 6. Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:
  - a. Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board.
  - b. With permission from school officials, create a page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's website.

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- c. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.

7. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program in your community such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch, or Crime Stoppers. Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood.

It warns your neighborhood about the dangers of criminals. It also helps your neighborhood provide safety by telling criminals that there are cameras and security around the neighborhood.

- b. With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing. Discuss your experience with your counselor.

8. Discuss the following with your counselor:

- a. How drug abuse awareness programs help prevent crime

They help people give up illegal drugs and stop buying the illegal drugs.

- b. Why alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are sometimes called "gateway drugs" and how "gateway drugs" can lead to the use of other drugs

Alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are called "gateway drugs" because they can lead you to using drugs. "Gateway drugs" can lead to real drugs through peer pressure or friends try to make you.

c. The potential consequences from the misuse of prescription drugs.

Drugs can be addicting and can harm your body badly.

d. How the illegal sale and use of drugs lead to other crimes

~~Buying drugs will eventually make you spend all your money and possibly start stealing from others.~~  
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e. Three resources in your city where a person with a drug problem or drug-related problem can go for help

The "Drugs: A Deadly Game" can help a person with a drug problem and help them stop taking drugs.

f. How to recognize child abuse

- If you see someone physically hit a child
- If you see someone neglect their child
- If you know someone sexually abusing their child
- If you see someone emotionally shaming their child
- If you know someone corrupting their child

g. The three R's of Youth Protection

- Recognize abuse
- Resist - drugs, alcohol, ect.
- Report illegal activity

9. Discuss the following with your counselor:

a. The role of a sheriff's or police department in crime prevention.

To be able to be available to the community and stop illegal activity.

b. The purpose and operation of agencies in your community that help law enforcement personnel prevent crime, and how those agencies function during emergency situations.

The operation of agencies help find criminals on the run, find new criminals, and to help police men on cases.

c. Explain the role private security plays in crime prevention.

- To ~~observe~~ observe a witness  
- Protect people on the property  
- Report suspicious activity

d. Choose a career in the crime prevention or security industry that interests you.

Career Private Investigator

Describe the level of education required and responsibilities of a person in that position.

Education:

Responsibilities:

- Observe witnesses  
- Follow witnesses from a safe ~~near~~ distance  
- Report to police after enough evidence

Tell why this position interests you.

This position interests me because it can help police stations on tough cases. They also help determine ~~me~~ who is ~~just~~ guilty.

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