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## Crime - Don't Let It Happen!

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## **PREFACE**

Concerned citizens are needed -- to promote and carry out prevention programs -- to aid the police and see to it that they function effectively with ample, well-trained personnel -- to inspire court reform toward effective administration of justice -- to promote and support correctional programs that really correct.

### **AROUSSED CITIZENS CAN ACHIEVE MIRACLES!**

Since its beginning in 1954, the Citizens Council movement has been "dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our States and to the preservation of our State's Rights."

Various decrees by the United States Supreme Court since 1954 have virtually handcuffed law enforcement officers throughout our land and have given license to black revolutionaries who commit crimes in the name of "racial equality." We are convinced that forced racial integration contributes greatly to our nation's rising crime rate.

We hope that future courts will reverse these decisions which protect the criminal and the revolutionary. Our organization is constantly working through lawful channels towards this goal.

In the meantime, we must try to protect our families from the crime wave which sweeps our nation. In this booklet are some suggestions which may protect your family.

## **Crime - Don't Let It Happen**

***"Private citizens on their own or through their organizations must interest themselves in the problems of crime and criminal justice, seek information, express their views, use their vote wisely. . .and get involved."***

President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice



# **Get Involved!** **YOU**

**Are The Key  
To Crunch Crime!**

## **Citizens' War On Crime: Spreading Across U.S.**

In city after city, private citizens are giving lawbreakers a hard time. Volunteers serve as eyes and ears for police. These do-it-yourself crime fighters are not vigilantes. They do not carry guns. But they are credited with helping to hold down the crime rate.

Americans in many cities and towns are rallying to help their police halt the terrifying rise in crime.

Acting mainly on their own initiative, these citizens have inaugurated a variety of programs to protect themselves and their families and to aid in the detection and arrest of lawbreakers.

The U. S. Department of Justice and the American Bar Association recently announced the launching of a national campaign to stir up "citizen involvement in the war against crime."

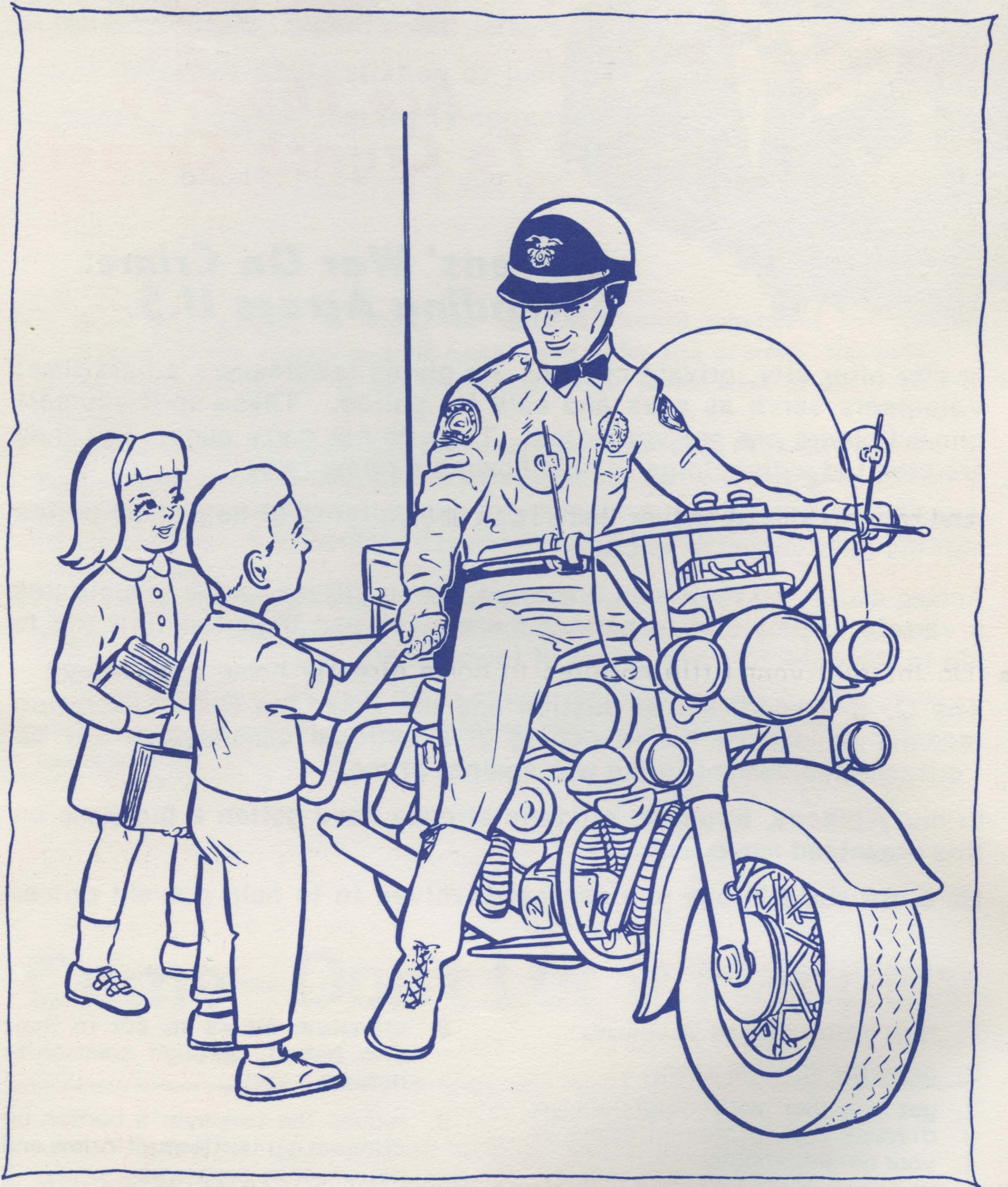
In many places, however, citizens already have gotten a big jump on this organized movement.

Here are some things you can get involved in to help prevent crime.

### **You Can. . .**

1. form Neighborhood Councils.
2. organize Block Mothers.
3. get together with neighbors to discuss how to prevent crime in your neighborhood.
4. support good government.
5. develop effective juvenile, family and criminal courts.
6. promote the rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders.
7. protect the public from dangerous offenders by developing programs to identify, confine, and treat them.
8. stimulate others to act in their own behalf, through community action.
9. reduce the taxpayer's burden by eliminating ineffectual crime and delinquency programs.
10. upgrade law enforcement so that it can better protect all segments of the public.
11. educate the public on the nature and scope of organized crime, its cost and consequences.

# ***Safeguarding Our Children***



***The Police are our friends.***

## **CHILDREN. . .**

### ***For Your Protection, Remember:***

- Don't talk to strangers;
- Do not accept rides from strangers;
- Don't take money, candy or gifts from strangers;
- Don't stand close to the car of a stranger who asks directions; stand back several feet;
- Don't enter any buildings or rooms with strangers for any reason;
- Don't play alone in alleys or near empty or deserted buildings;
- Do report to your teacher or a policeman, any stranger who wants to join in your play;
- Do report anyone loitering near school areas to your teacher or to a policeman;
- Do write down license number of the car of any stranger who takes one of your friends for a ride. Use chalk, stone, or scratch it in the dirt with a stick;
- Remember that the police officer is your friend. Get to know him, and rely on him whenever there is trouble.



## **PARENTS. . .**

### ***For Your Child's Protection, Remember:***

- Do instruct your little children to come directly home from school without delay;
- Do see that school and city playgrounds are well supervised;
- Do make it a point to become acquainted with your child's recreation supervisor, youth group leaders, and teachers;
- Do know your baby sitters, and be sure they are capable of handling an emergency situation if one should arise;
- Do teach your child emergency telephone numbers and addresses;
- Do face the fact that a molester may be a neighbor or a member of the family;
- Do not let your girl child dress suggestively;
- Do not allow your child to go off with an older youth or adult unless you know the person to be trustworthy;
- Don't let your child take part in door to door solicitations unless there is an adult along. Even on Halloween nights children have been molested when innocently playing "Trick or Treat";
- Do not allow young children to go unaccompanied by an adult to shows, skating rinks, playgrounds, etc. Try to arrange with other parents to take turns providing chaperonage;
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously in the neighborhood, or around a school or city playground, watch long enough to be sure you can identify the person or car with certainty, then report to the police immediately.



# SAFEGUARDING OUR HOMES

## ***Cooperate Fully With Police***

If you observe suspicious persons or occurrences, do not attempt a personal investigation. Telephone your police department immediately. Keep the phone number handy or ask the telephone operator to assist you. When connected, give quickly and distinctly:

1. Your name, address and telephone number ;
2. Location where officers are needed ;
3. Brief account of what happened ;
4. Description of persons involved ;
5. License numbers and description of automobile involved.

If you witness an accident or crime, don't take it for granted that officers have been called. Phone the police.

Your police and sheriff's departments feel that it is better to investigate a hundred reports than to have a single offense occur which could have been prevented.

## ***Keep A List Of All Your Valuables***

Record serial numbers of stocks, bonds, and other securities as well as watches, firearms, motors, pumps, etc. Make sure other valuables such as jewelry, silver and paintings are listed along with their identifying marks. In the event your valuables are stolen, a detailed list of the missing articles would be extremely helpful to police in recovery efforts.

## ***Keep Your House Safe With Adequate Locks***

When moving into a house it is wise to have the tumblers on the locks reset. Builders, rental agents, or previous owners may have keys to your house. The most securely locked house isn't safe unless you yourself possess the only keys.

Modern pin-tumbler cylinder locks provide the greatest security. In resistance to picking and in almost unlimited capacity for key change, they are unequalled.

Locks that open with a skeleton key won't stop a burglar; any prowler can buy keys to fit at a hardware store.

An outer door with glass panes should be protected by a lock which opens with a key from the inside as well as the outside to prevent a burglar from simply breaking one of the panes, reaching inside and turning the latch.

A padlock on the back door of your house is inadequate. It can be sawed off in a jiffy.

Before leaving your house make sure basement, first and second story windows are as securely locked as the doors.

Never leave the key under a door mat. It may be the first place a burglar will look.

Ask a trustworthy neighbor to keep an eye on your house if you plan to be away from it longer than a day.

## ***Beware Of The Caller At Your Door***

Your home can be protected against intruders or strangers by installing strong chain guards on the front, side, back and basement doors. Even though there is a glass in the door to permit you to see who is outside, the chain guard permits you to converse with a stranger, without giving him an opportunity to walk right in. Many tragedies could have been avoided had guards been used on all doors leading into the home.

## ***Beware Of A Stranger With A Pretext***

Demand to see the credentials of any stranger who wants to enter your house.

Don't trust strangers because they look prosperous, have polished manners, and are smooth talkers.

Don't tell a stranger that your neighbor is absent.

Don't hire transients, nor give money to beggars.

Beware of persons who offer something for nothing, they usually succeed in getting something and you get nothing.



# WHAT'S YOUR DRUG I.Q?

# DRUG & NARCOTICS

## IDENTIFICATION CHART

DRUG USED & SLANG NAME	PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS	LOOK FOR	DANGERS
<b>GLUE SNIFFING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violence, drunk appearance, dreamy or blank expression. Odor of glue on breath, excess nasal secretions, watering of eyes, poor muscular control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tubes of glue, glue smears, paper or plastic bags, and handkerchiefs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lung, brain, nervous system, liver damage, death through suffocation or choking, anemia</li> </ul>
<b>HEROIN, MORPHINE—</b> Snow, stuff, H, junk, M, dreamer, smack, & scag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stupor, drowsiness, needle marks on body, watery eyes, loss of appetite, bloodstain on shirt sleeve, "on the nod," constricted (small) pupils—do not respond to light—inattentive, slow pulse, and respiration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needle or hypodermic syringe, cotton, tourniquet, in form of string, rope or belt, burnt bottle caps or spoons, glassine envelopes, traces of white powder around nostrils from sniffing, or inflamed membranes in nostrils, small capsules containing white powdered substance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Death from overdose, addiction, severe infections from use of dirty needles or equipment</li> </ul>
<b>COCAINE—</b> Leaf, snow, speedballs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Muscular twitching convulsive movements, strong swings of mood, exhilaration, hallucinations, dilated pupils</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White odorless powder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convulsions, death from overdose, feelings of persecution, psychic dependence</li> </ul>
<b>CODEINE OR OPIUM ADDITIVES—</b> Schoolboy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drunk appearance, lack of coordination, confusion, excessive itching . . . all from large doses. Small doses exhibit little effect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empty bottles or cough medicine or paregoric</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Causes addiction</li> </ul>
<b>MARIJUANA—</b> Joints, sticks, reefers, pot, weed, grass, muggles, mooters, Indian hay, locoweed, Mu, Mary Jane, griffo, mohasky, giggle-smoke, jive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sleepiness, or talkative and a hilarious mood, enlarged pupils, lack of coordination, craving for sweets, increased appetite, "high" feeling, erratic behavior, loss of memory, distortions of time and space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smell of burnt leaves or rope with characteristic sweetish odor, small seeds, brown or off-white cigarette paper, discolored fingers, pipes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage to liver, inducement to take stronger drugs, act in manner dangerous to self or others. Accident prone, anti-social behavior</li> </ul>
<b>LSD, DMT, STP—</b> Acid, mescaline (Hallucinogens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Severe hallucinations, feelings of detachment, incoherent speech, cold sweaty hands and feet, vomiting, laughing, crying, exhilaration or depression, suicidal or homicidal tendencies, shivering, chills, with goose pimples, irregular breathing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong body odor. Small tube of liquid, tablets, capsules, ampuls of clear liquid. Small green or blue tablets. . dotted pink and white tablets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suicidal tendencies, unpredictable behavior, brain damage from chronic usage. Hallucinations, panic, accidental death, feeling of persecution</li> </ul>
<b>PEP PILLS—</b> Bennies, co-pilots, ups, footballs, hearts, speed, crystal (Amphetamines, Methamphetamine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aggressive behavior, giggling, silliness, rapid speech, confused thinking, no appetite, extreme fatigue, dry mouth, bad breath, shakiness, dilated pupils, sweating, licks lips and rubs and scratches nose excessively, chain smoking, extreme restlessness, and irritability, violence, and a feeling of persecution, abscesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pills of varying colors, tablets or capsules, chain smoking, syringes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hallucinations, death, from overdose, speeds rate of heart beat, and may cause permanent heart damage or heart attacks, loss of weight, addiction, mental derangement, suicidal depression may accompany withdrawal</li> </ul>
<b>GOOF BALLS—</b> Downs, red birds, yellow jackets, blue heavens, barbs (Barbiturates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drowsiness, stupor, dullness, slurred speech, drunk appearance, vomiting, sluggish, gloomy, staggers, quarrelsome, incoordination, with no alcohol odor on breath</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tablets or capsules of varying colors, syringes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Death from overdose, addiction, unconsciousness, coma, convulsions, psychosis or death from abrupt withdrawal</li> </ul>

### COMMON SYMPTOMS OF DRUG ABUSE:

A. Changes in school attendance, discipline and grades. B. Change in the character of homework turned in. C. Unusual flare-ups or outbreaks of temper. D. Poor physical appearance. E. Furtive behavior regarding drugs and possessions. F. Wearing of sunglasses at inappropriate times to hide dilated or constricted pupils. G. Long-sleeved shirts worn constantly to hide needle marks. H. Association with known drug abusers. I. Borrowing of money from students to purchase drugs. J. Stealing small items from school. K. Finding the student in odd places during the day such as closets, storage rooms, etc., to take drugs.



# **YOUNG ADULTS**

## ***Do You Love Freedom?***

If your answer is yes -- then you will want to stay clear of narcotics, and other kinds of drugs. Thousands of drug abusers live for years in the shadow of society -- only half alive, only half free! A large number of these abusers are of high school age, some even younger. They live short, empty lives with neither hope nor meaning. Once hooked, they no longer have a choice as to a decent, normal, free life because they have to support their habit, which most of the time, means robbery, shoplifting, burglary, forgery, and prostitution.

If this is not your idea of freedom, stay away from narcotics and people and places where they are used.

**THINGS** to watch out for concerning the introduction to drug abuse:

1. Do not accept soft drinks, candy, or gum from persons you are not familiar with. There have been cases where pushers have put drugs in these items to get new customers.
2. Pressure put upon you to try drugs when you are with a group; such as, a party.
3. Heavy or frequent use of liquor in a group usually paves the way for experiments with drugs. When the alcohol flows freely, you can consider it a danger sign.
4. Having the mistaken idea that once you start you can stop. There is probably not one drug abuser alive - or dead - who didn't say "I won't get hooked. It can't happen to me." It can - and it did!

You can become involved in helping prevent crime caused by the use of illegal drugs and narcotics by adhering to the following suggestions:

1. If you know a person or have a friend who takes drugs or narcotics, try to persuade him or her to get help to stop.
2. Discourage the taking of drugs when associated with a group or person who is contemplating trying them.
3. Be educated on the effects of drugs and help others become educated to the facts about drug abuse.

**If You Need Help . . . Call Your Local Police**  
**POLICE ARE PEOPLE AND**  
**PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE**



# You **Should** Help Others

## **Why Should I Call The Police?**

If you or one of your loved ones were in need of assistance, you would want your neighbor to call the police. Respond to your neighbor's need as you would have him respond to yours. Assisting the police in protecting you and your neighbors is your civic duty.

## **How Do I Call The Police?**

If you wish to report an emergency, dial the emergency number for your area shown on the back of this pamphlet.

If you have information of a non-emergency nature; or you wish information on police matters, dial the routine number shown on the back of this pamphlet.

## **When Should I Call The Police?**

Always call the police immediately when you see a crime being committed. Do not be hesitant to call for fear of reporting something that amounts to nothing.

That stranger who is "taking a short cut" through your backyard might have just robbed one of your neighbors and is attempting to get away.

That minor fight next door might be the beginning of a violent crime. Getting the police there early could prevent a great deal of pain and suffering to someone.

What appears to be an illegally parked car could be just the information needed by the police to return a stolen car to its rightful owner.





• ***Be Careful With Your Belongings***

Keep an eye on your hat and overcoat while in public places.

Never leave clothing, furs, or rugs on the clothesline when absent from home and overnight.

Do not leave packages unprotected in your car while shopping. Lock them in the trunk.

Do not leave bicycles or other toys on the sidewalk overnight.

A bank safety deposit box provides the most secure storage for your valuables and important papers. If they are used frequently and must be kept at home, insure the articles and keep them in a fireproof strong box.

• ***Be Careful With Your Money***

Your purse or packages may be stolen if placed on a counter while you examine merchandise.

When shopping in crowded stores carry a purse that closes securely so that contents are not easily accessible to a pickpocket. Shoulder strap bags should be avoided.

Women should guard against purse snatchers by holding purses securely when out in public.

Men's billfolds are safest when kept in the inside breast pocket of their suits, rather than in trouser pockets.

## • ***Beware Of Charity Rackets, Fake Promotions***

Beware of promoters who solicit by phone, mail, or in person requesting contributions toward a charity unless fully identified and sponsored by a legitimate organization.

Be wary of fly-by-night stock promoters, confidence men, or others with get-rich-quick schemes. Consult your Better Business Bureau when there is any doubt about the integrity of acquaintances with whom you expect to do business.

## • ***Your Automobile***

Have the title checked by county authorities to make sure it is free and clear before buying a car from someone other than a dealer.

If you think your car is being followed, don't go home -- stop near an officer, or a crowd, or drive to a police station or sheriff's office.

Always lock your car ignition, close the windows, and lock the doors when parking your car for any length of time. When putting the car away at home, lock the garage door well. Never leave keys in the ignition.

Keep the number of your auto license in your purse or billfold -- never on a tag attached to your keys or key ring. For years now, police officers have been advising against the attachment of license facsimile tags to auto keys. Don't use them. Tagged keys are an open invitation to the finder to search out and either loot, strip, or steal your car.

## • ***Rural Dwellers***

Never leave farms completely unguarded. If it is necessary for all personnel to leave the farm, a good watchdog and floodlights may be sufficient deterrent to would-be thieves.

Guard against thieves who strip tires and parts from farm machinery and carry away tools and gasoline. Whenever possible, farm machinery should be left near the house or locked in a shed or barn. When a theft has occurred, the area should be protected until officers have searched for tire tracks, footprints, and fingerprints which may help to apprehend the thieves.

## • ***Your Children's Bicycles***

Supply your children with locks and have them lock their bicycles, especially at school, in the park or in front of the movie theater. Place a permanent, identifying mark on the bicycle to assist police to recover it if stolen.

# CRIME COSTS YOU

Day by day, the financial toll of crime in America goes up. Murder, bombings, other violent crimes get headlines. Meanwhile, vast sums are drained off in other ways — in organized crime, white collar dishonesty, vandalism and arson. It adds up to a staggering burden for the economy.

## Estimates Of Economic Impact Of Crime Per Year

Total Take By Organized Crime .....	\$19.7 Billion
Crimes Against Property And Business .....	\$13.1 Billion
Other Crimes .....	\$ 4.2 Billion
Law Enforcement Costs .....	\$ 8.6 Billion
Private Crime Fighting Costs .....	\$ 5.5 Billion
<b>Total Crime Expense .....</b>	<b>\$51.5 Billion</b>

## U.S. CRIME CLOCK

FBI REPORTS INDICATE IN 1970:



- Every 33 minutes — a murder
- Every 14 minutes — a forcible rape
- Every 96 seconds — an aggravated assault
- Every 91 seconds — a robbery
- Every 34 seconds — an auto theft
- Every 18 seconds — a larceny
- Every 15 seconds — a burglary
- Every minute — 11 serious crimes

Nearly 16,000 murder victims were counted in the United States in 1970 — 1,200 more than the year before. During 1970 suburban areas recorded a higher increase in crime rates than large cities.

# YOU CAN HELP!

AGE IS NO BARRIER... ACTIVELY SUPPORT

RELIGIOUS  
ORGANIZATIONS

COMMUNITY  
SERVICE  
ORGANIZATIONS



POLICE  
DEPT.



SHERIFF'S  
DEPT.

ATHLETIC  
ORGANIZATIONS

CITY & COUNTY  
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— GET INVOLVED —  
IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

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# EMERGENCY NUMBERS

*You Fill In The Numbers That Will Help You To "Crunch Crime"*



Police

Sheriff



State Patrol



Federal Bureau of Investigation



U.S. Secret Service



Fire

Forest Fire



Doctor

Office

Home



Ambulance

▶ or dial **"OPERATOR"** in any emergency and say for

Example: "I want to report a fire at \_\_\_\_\_ or "I want a policeman at \_\_\_\_\_"

If you cannot stay at the telephone, tell the "OPERATOR" the exact location where help is needed.

Any person who fails to relinquish a telephone party line after he has been requested to do so to permit another to place a call, in an emergency in which property or human life are in jeopardy and the prompt summoning of aid is essential, to a fire or police department or for medical aid or ambulance service, shall be guilty of and punishable as for a misdemeanor.

**KEEP THIS LIST HANDY !!**

(Clip Along Dotted Line)