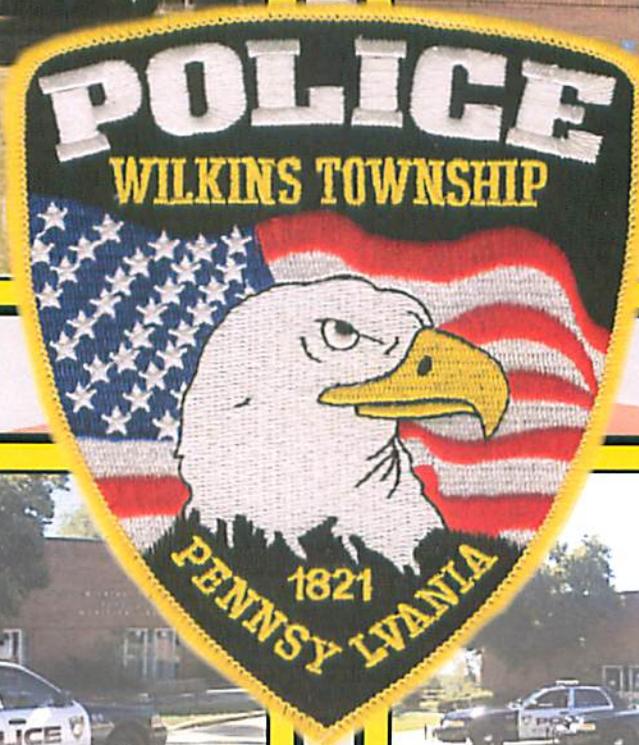
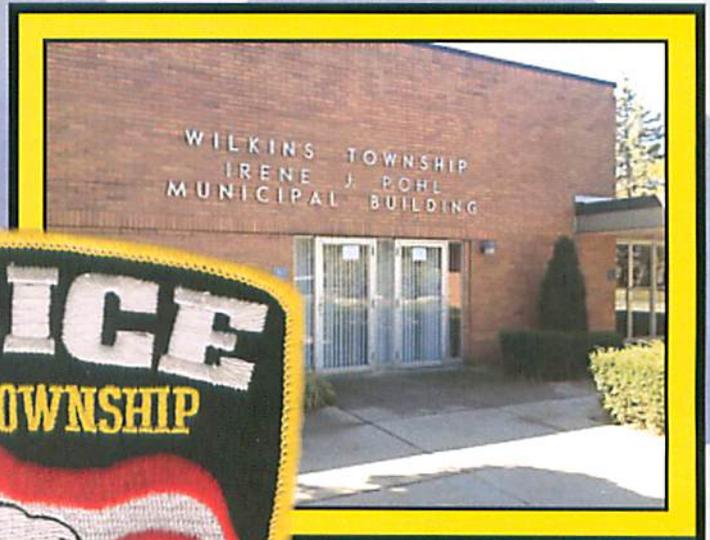
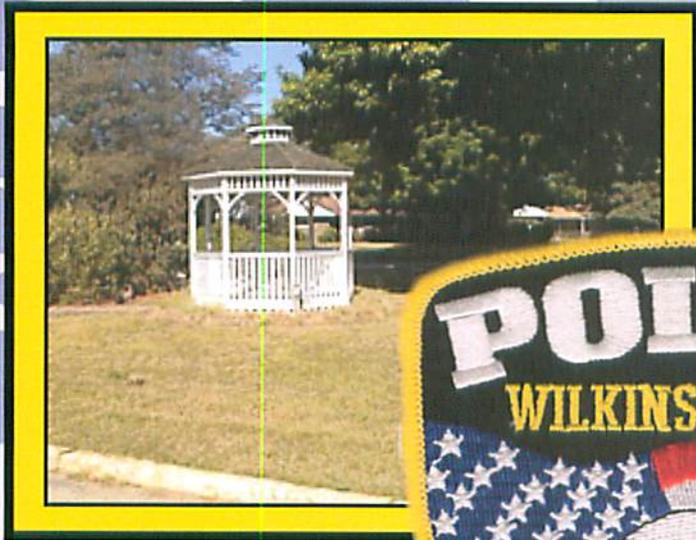


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Dear Residents:

It is an honor to introduce Crime In America to our friends in the community.

We in law enforcement believe strongly in public education for crime prevention. Every citizen can make a contribution ranging from reporting a crime in progress or suspicious activity to such basics as burglar-proofing one's home or teaching family members how to be safe when out of the home.

We are committed to your protection, but we cannot be everywhere at the moment of every crime. Often, we rely on your information so that we can respond where needed.

We also rely on your support of our efforts to disseminate crime prevention education to the public. To this end, we urge you to review this publication and use its contents to improve the safety of your family, your home and your business. This book addresses many current crime and safety issues such as home security, rape and mugging, senior safety, identity theft and fire safety among others.

We pledge, as always, to do our best to protect your community, to make it a safe and good place to live. We look to your cooperation in that regard. Together, we can stop crime.

My appreciation goes to the advertisers whose names appear in this book. Their ads made its production and distribution possible. Thank them when you meet them.

I hope you, the citizens, find this material helpful. The more you know, the safer you will be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E A Krancic".

Edward A. Krancic
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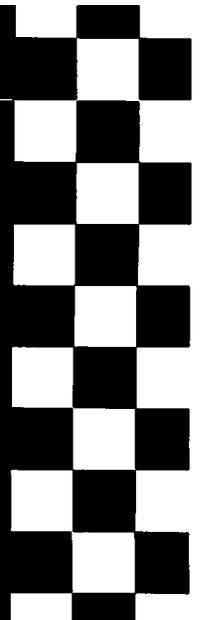
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Over the last 100 years the fire service has changed significantly and we trained hard to keep up with all of the changes. We were among the leaders in using foam to fight fires to help extinguish fires quickly and reducing the amount of damage to the property of the residents. We are often called into surrounding districts and communities to assist with fighting fires, search for lost persons and all other emergency situations.

Our volunteers also train the community in fire awareness through education in the schools, open house at our station, and safety days at local businesses. We train in all aspects of fire suppression, first aid and education by attending classes provided by the county and through in-house practices every Thursday.

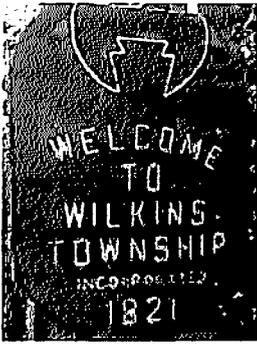
Our members are made up of truck drivers, tradesmen, engineers and waitresses to mention a few and we are always looking to add a few more good people to our ranks. We understand not everyone wants to run into a fire so we have positions available for those that can assist in fund raising, communications, secretarial skills, station upkeep etc. We invite everyone to join us by stopping at the station or calling us at 412-829-0530.

Wilkins #4 Fire-Rescue Company



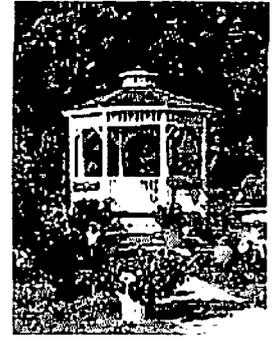
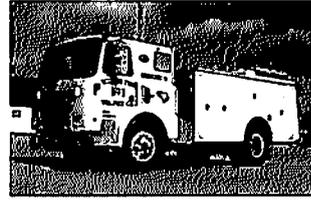
Wilkins #4 Fire-Rescue Company is part of the Wilkins Township Fire Department. Our apparatus consists of a fire engine used for firefighting and a rescue truck that we use for emergencies such as vehicle extrication/entrapment, confined space rescue, trench rescue, hazardous materials containment and the like. We are an all-volunteer company, thus saving tax money for our residents and businesses. We serve 6,600 residents of the township and an additional 40-50,000 occupants during daytime and evening hours in our commercial and industrial areas. Wilkins is a suburban community that is part of a major metropolitan area. Our residential areas have single- and multi-family dwellings, including duplexes, townhouses, and small apartment buildings. Our commercial area includes three high-rise apartment buildings, a large commercial district, satellite educational institutions, two hotels, strip-malls, and eight high-rise buildings, large retail businesses and restaurants, car dealerships and gas stations all along major highways.

For general and contact information our internet address is: www.wilkins304firerescue.com



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Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Company #3



The Volunteers of the Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Company #3 celebrates its 90th year of serving the Township of Wilkins, as well as the residents of surrounding communities.

Department Mission Statement

Protect life and property of the residents and visitors of Wilkins Township by providing high quality, professional Fire

Protection and life safety services and provide mutual aid to neighboring communities.

At some point in your life you will probably have to dial 911.



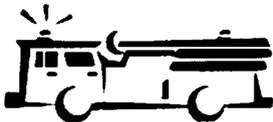
Maybe you wake up at 3 am to the smell of smoke . . .

What if you stumble upon a car accident, or are in a car accident, on your

way to work one morning?



One thing that you know, is if you dial 911 someone will come to help, no matter what time it is or what you need.



What happens if they aren't there - or they don't have the tools to help?



The firefighters in Wilkins Township are all-volunteer, which means they depend on charitable donations to STAY OPEN to run calls when anyone dials 911.

These firefighters have full time jobs to support their families and do not get a paycheck for helping yours.

Donations and proceeds from our fundraisers go directly to make sure that the men and women who go to work for us are safe, and that they can help us to the best of their ability.

Come and make a difference in your community by helping those who help us! Support our many fundraising events that help to pay for building maintenance, vehicle maintenance, tools, and firefighter training. The company has hoagie sales, fish dinners during Lent, spaghetti dinners, Summer Festival booth, a gun bash, Fall and Spring Dances and a street collection sent by mail.

Come and join the team! There are many opportunities available, including, but not limited to: administrative duties, help with fundraisers, maintenance, and firefighting (free training!)

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Wilkins Township Police Department's Fire Safety Checklist For Older Adults

**Older people are at special risk for
death and injury from fires.**

**To protect yourself and those you care about,
follow these seven tips:**

- ✓ *Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms.*
- ✓ *Use Smoking Materials Safely.*
- ✓ *Pay Attention to Your Cooking.*
- ✓ *Heat Your Home Safely.*
- ✓ *Practice Electrical Safety.*
- ✓ *Keep Matches and Lighters Away From Children.*
- ✓ *Know What to Do in Case of Fire.*

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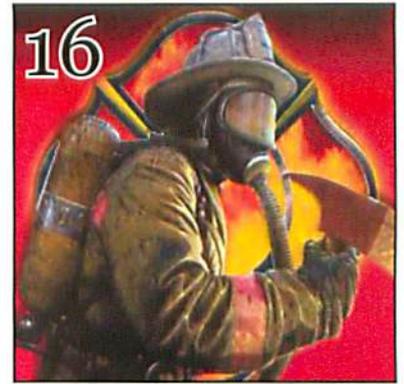
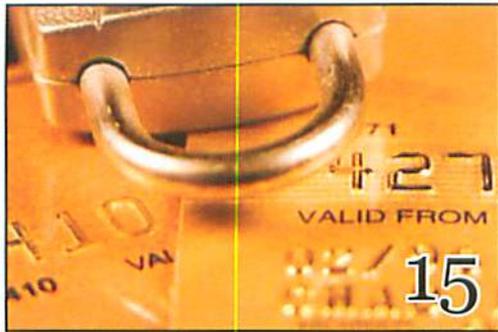
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Abusive Relationships



THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE...

Abuse:

Aggressive or violent behavior, which is a power play designed to show the victim "who is boss."

Guilt:

Guilt is felt afterwards; but it's about being caught and facing consequences, not what's been done to the victim.

Rationalization or excuses:

Rationalizations may include a string of excuses or blaming the victim for the abusive behavior ... anything to shift responsibility.

"Normal" behavior:

The goal: regain control and keep the victim in the relationship. The abuser may act as if nothing's happened, or turn on the charm.

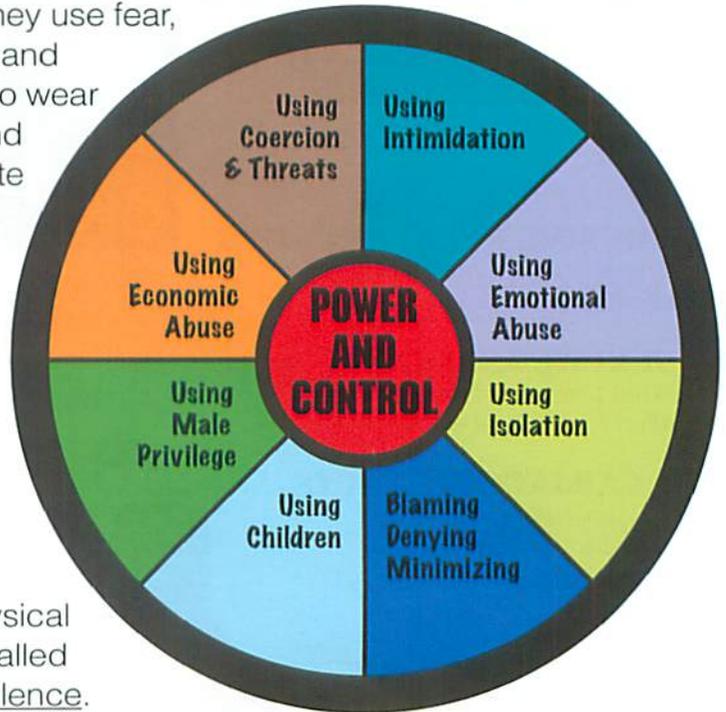
Fantasy and planning:

The abuser fantasizes about their spouse's wrongdoing and how he or she will be made to pay. Then a plan is made to turn the fantasy into reality.

Set-up:

A situation is created to set up the victim, where the abuser can "justify" his or her abuse.

Domestic abuse, also known as spousal abuse, occurs when one person in an intimate relationship or marriage tries to dominate and control the other person. An abuser doesn't "play fair." They use fear, guilt, shame and intimidation to wear you down and gain complete power over you. They may threaten you, hurt you, or hurt those around you. Domestic abuse that includes physical violence is called domestic violence.



**NO ONE
has the
right to
abuse
you!**

If you suspect someone is being abused, notify your local police department.

For help and advice on escaping an abusive relationship, call
THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Sexual Assault

WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE MY RISK OF SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Do not leave your drink unattended or accept one from an open container while at a bar or club — drugs have been known to be passed this way



Be aware of your surroundings at all times

Do not allow yourself to become isolated with someone you do not know or trust

Travel with a companion whenever possible

Think about the level of intimacy you want in a relationship and clearly state your limits



IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT:

Report the rape to law enforcement authorities.

When the rapist departs, contact help at once. Find a safe environment away from the attacker; if possible have a trusted friend stay with you for moral support.

- Do not shower or wash
- Preserve all clothing and the crime scene
- Be prepared to describe the attacker and anything else that may be helpful
- Get medical attention even if there are no visible injuries

Personnel experienced in sexual assaults will examine you and provide counseling and support

- Ask the hospital for a rape kit exam

**FEWER THAN 1/3
OF ALL ASSAULTS
ARE REPORTED
TO THE POLICE**

CARJACKING FACTS

Robbery Prevention



Imagine having a stranger walk up to you while you're sitting at a traffic signal, thrusting a gun in your face and taking your car away from you. Or worse, A STRANGER RUNS UP TO YOU AS YOU PULL INTO YOUR OWN DRIVEWAY, PULLS YOU OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE AND DRIVES AWAY IN IT. This is the crime called **CARJACKING**, and it can happen anywhere, not just in high crime neighborhoods. It can happen during the daytime as well as after dark. It can happen to you if you are in a shiny new sports car, or an old "clunker".



Why Carjack?

Parked cars, especially the newer models, are becoming more difficult to steal. Built-in alarm systems, kill switches and other theft deterrent devices are making parked cars less attractive to the inexperienced car thief. Car thieves find it much easier to steal a car while the key is in the ignition, and too many times they are able to catch the driver off guard.

There is no guarantee that you will not become a target, however, there are some COMMON SENSE PRECAUTIONS you can take to put the odds in your favor.

Before You Enter Your Vehicle

- Before you approach your vehicle, have your keys ready for entry.
Scan the area around your vehicle as you approach. Always look into your rear seat or hatch area before entering your car to make sure no one is in it.
If you see someone loitering around your vehicle, turn around and get help.
- Always park in a well lighted area.
- If you feel uncomfortable, have a security guard from the shopping center or another employee from work, walk you to your car.
- Ask for a security escort if you are alone at a shopping center.
- Don't park in isolated or visually obstructed areas near walls or heavy foliage.
- Use valet parking or an attended garage.



While You Are In Your Vehicle

- ❑ Always lock the doors and keep your windows up high enough so a potential jacker cannot get his/her hand or arm in the window.
- ❑ Observe your surroundings. Be conscious of any activity near your car. Carjackers pick on people who don't seem alert.
- ❑ When stopping in traffic, always keep a safe distance between you and the car in front of you. If you have to make a quick getaway, you will be able to turn you wheel and move without being boxed in.
- ❑ Avoid high crime areas whenever possible, especially after dark.
- ❑ Be suspicious of people approaching you car, asking for directions or handing out flyers.
- ❑ If a suspicious person approaches your car, drive away carefully.
- ❑ If another driver bumps your car, keep your doors locked and windows up. Call 9-1-1 from your cell. Drive to the nearest police or fire station, or well lighted, populated area.
- ❑ Be alert when using a drive-up ATM.
- ❑ If you suspect someone is following you, don't go home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station or well lighted, populated area for help.
- ❑ Don't be a target by turning your back while loading packages into the car.
- ❑ Beware of a Good Samaritan who offers to repair your car or a flat tire. It's okay to get help, just be alert. Wave to follow, and drive to a gas station or busy place before getting out.
- ❑ If you have a cell phone, call 9-1-1 for help.

Consider Your Safety If Actually Confronted By A Carjacker

- ❑ Don't reach for your personal items. Leave everything behind if forced from the car.
- ❑ Don't resist, especially if the thief has a weapon. Give up your vehicle with no questions asked and move away.
- ❑ Never agree to be kidnapped. Put as much distance between yourself and the carjacker as quickly as possible. Throw your keys as far as you can and run in the opposite direction, screaming for help.
- ❑ Call the police (9-1-1) immediately to report the crime and provide detailed information.

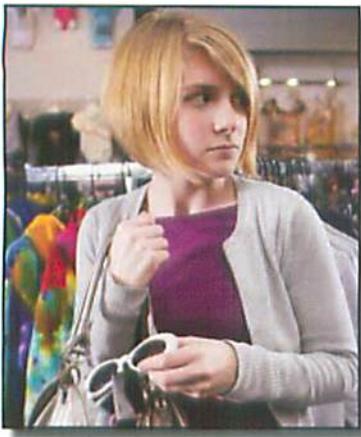


DO NOT STOP FOR ANY REASON!!

DIAL 9-1-1 AND REPORT WHAT YOU SAW BUT DO NOT SLOW DOWN!

If you are driving at night and eggs are thrown at your windshield, **DO NOT STOP TO CHECK THE CAR, DO NOT OPERATE THE WIPER, and DO NOT SPRAY ANY WATER** because eggs mixed with water become milky and can block your vision up to 92.5%, and you are then forced to stop beside the road and become a victim of these criminals.

This is a new technique used by gangs, so please inform your friends and relatives. These are unsavory individuals who will take desperate measures to get what they want.



Businesses Suffer Because of Crime

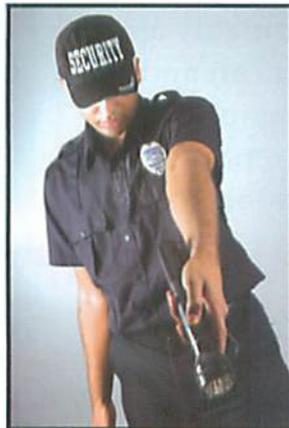
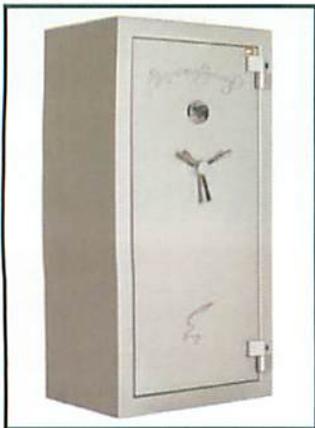
Shoplifting is estimated to occur between 330 to 440 million times per year.

Rate of loss is estimated between \$19,000 and \$25,000 stolen per minute.

There are things a business owner can do. If your store has aisles, place mirrors strategically so that an assigned person can see everywhere. Some stores use hidden (or visible) cameras which may prevent a theft or aid in prosecution. More expensive items are in locked cases or have devices affixed which will set off an alarm if not removed at point of sale. Large volume stores employ uniformed and / or plainclothes guards to discourage or apprehend shoplifters. Employee education is also part of the prevention.



The front-end cost seems prohibitive, but as shoplifting continues and shoplifters become more sophisticated to evade detection, the business owner has little choice but to do his / her best at prevention and to build the cost of security and loss into the prices charged. Community education is still the best answer, which includes teaching young people why crime is wrong...legally and ethically through school programs, parental guidance and cooperation with local authorities.



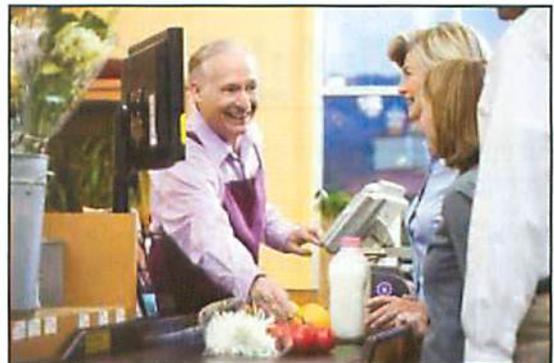
Shoplifting is a multi-billion dollar hidden tax on business owners and their customers.

Shoplifting is a Crime and Stores Will Prosecute.



**IF YOU GET CAUGHT,
YOU WILL BE
ARRESTED,
FINGERPRINTED
AND
JAILED**

Businesses Beware!



- Whenever possible, keep the cash register away from entrance of store.
- Do not block windows with posters, ads, etc.
- Maintain visibility into your business.

Place cameras inside and outside by the entrance to your building. This could reduce your insurance cost.



Home Security & Burglary Prevention

There is a burglary in the United States every 15.4 seconds

Burglars are for the most part opportunists. They tend to take the path of least resistance when looking for a home to invade.

Most home burglaries happen between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm. Think about that. This is when most of us are at work or out running errands. How often do you see, or more importantly notice a strange car or van in a neighbor's driveway or on the street. We usually think it is a friend of theirs or a worker they've hired such as an electrician or plumber.



And most of the time that is the case, so we think nothing of it and go about our business. Or we don't even notice it at all. This is something burglars take advantage of. In fact, 62% of burglaries happen during the daylight hours.

According to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program Crime Clock there is a burglary every 15.4 seconds. Protect yourself and your home from potential burglars. Burglars like to get in and get out as quickly as possible. So let's make them think twice about entering your home by making it more difficult for them.

Helpful Tips To Make Your Home Safer

- Put up an alarm system sign even if you don't have an alarm. This will make any burglar think twice about entering your home.
- Always keep your garage closed. Burglars will often drive through a neighborhood to seek potential targets. If there is anything valuable in your garage, you may be their next target.
- Make sure you lock every entry to your house even if you are only leaving for a short time.
- Use a simple door jam on a patio or deck door as extra security.
- Install simple motion detector lights.
- Keep trees and bushes trimmed and away from doors and windows.
- In case your home does get broken into keep your valuables OUT of your master bedroom. A burglar looking for valuables in a home will make the master bedroom their first stop.
- If you are unsure that your home is secure, call your local law enforcement and ask them to do a check of your home to see if it is secure.
- Burglars will sometimes ring your front doorbell to see if you are home, then go to your back door to break in. Make sure all of your doors are secure. Use a deadbolt lock on all entrances.



62%

OF THE ESTIMATED **2,199,125**
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES OCCUR
DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

How Thieves Prefer To Get In



Burglars want to spend less than 60 seconds trying to break into a home.



Make your home look lived in when you are away. Make sure your lawn is taken care of, have your mail and newspapers stopped, put a T.V., light or radio on a timer to make it seem like someone is home.



Burglars gain access to your home through open or unlocked patio doors, windows and garages.

First stop for burglars is usually the **master bedroom** since most people keep their valuables there. Burglars spend an average of **8 to 12 minutes** in a home. **AVERAGE LOSS PER BURGLARY: \$ 1,725.00 ***



Homes without security systems are about three times more likely to be broken into than homes with security systems.

* 2005 statistic - SOURCE: Bureau of Justice Statistics; FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program



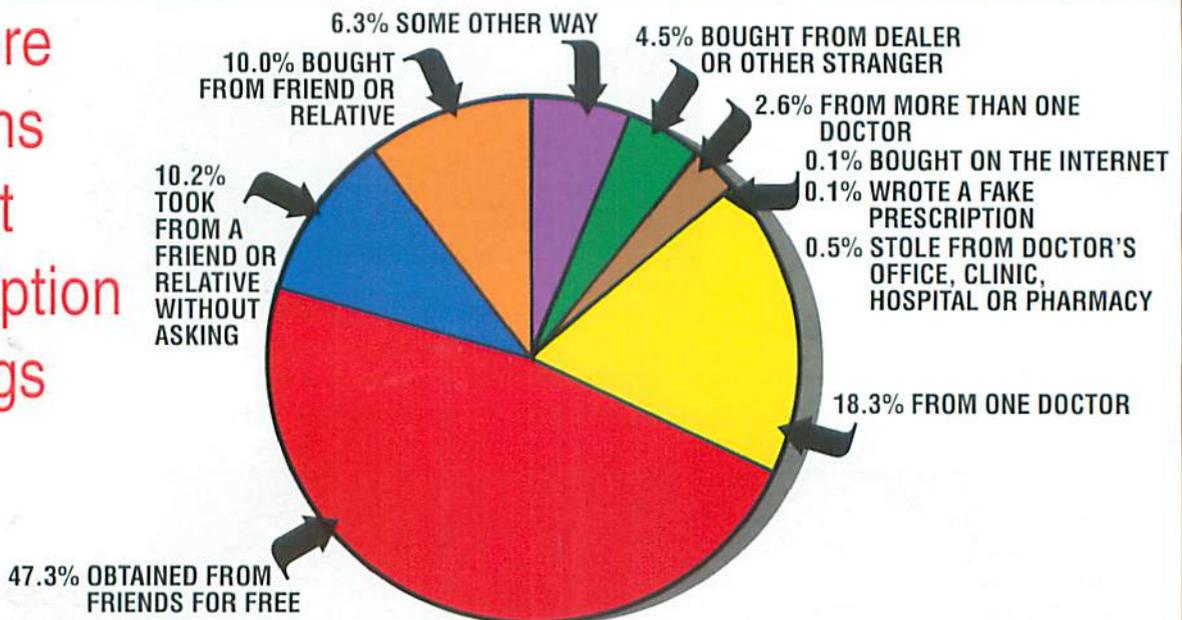
teen abuse of prescription drugs



Next to Marijuana, the most common drugs teens are abusing to get high are prescription and over-the-counter medications.

OxyContin and **Vicodin** are the most commonly abused prescription drugs by teens.

where teens get prescription drugs



A number of national studies and published reports indicate that the intentional abuse of prescription drugs, such as pain relievers, stimulants, sedatives and tranquilizers to get high is a growing concern – particularly among teens – in the United States. In fact, among young people ages 12-17, prescription drugs have

become the second most abused illegal drug, behind marijuana.

Types of Prescription Drugs Abused by Teens:

- Cough & Cold Medications • Steroids
- Pain Killers • Stimulants
- Tranquilizers • Sedatives • Diet Pills

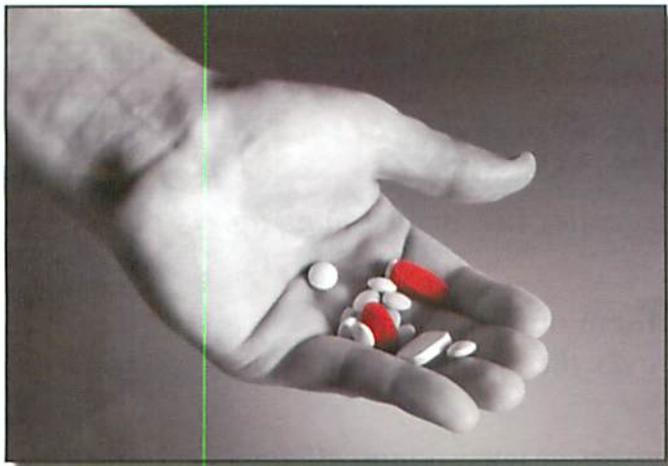
Nearly three out of 10 teens believe prescription pain relievers are NOT addictive.

Teens Feel Prescription Drugs are Safer Than Street Drugs.

So, above all.... **TALK TO YOUR TEENAGERS!**

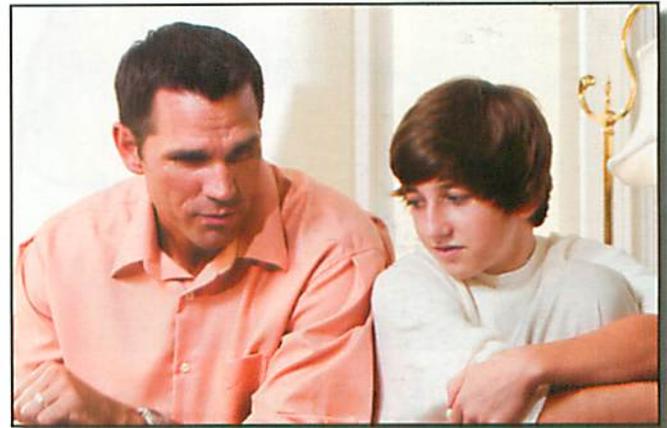
What Can You Do To Help Prevent Your Child From Abusing Prescription Drugs?

- Keep track of your prescription and over the counter drugs
- Instruct your teenager on his / her prescriptions and usage
- For guidelines on safe and proper disposal of medications, visit www.nfp.org/safemeddisposal
- Ask friends and family to safeguard their prescriptions
- Properly conceal medicine
- Be a good role model for your teenagers and follow instructions yourself



“Pharm-Parties”

Teens drop an array of pills into a bowl, then pass around the “trail mix” for the partygoers to “graze”.



How Teens Get Prescription Drugs:

- Medicine Cabinets
- Parties - Friends
- On The Internet
- Forging Signatures
- Calling In A Parent's Prescription



What To Do If Your Child Already Has A Problem

If you suspect your teen is using drugs, do not wait to do something about it. Visit the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov for a listing of treatment centers in your area, or call 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

**Say NO To
Prescription
Drug Abuse...
Say YES
To Life!**

Talk to your teen and warn them of the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

Telemarketing Scams

The Law & You

This Is The Law

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulations require the following:

1. You **must** first be told the company's name, and what is being sold.
2. If a prize is offered, you **must** be told right away that no purchase is necessary.
3. You **must not** be asked to pay in advance for services.
4. You **must not** be called before 8:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m.
5. You **must not** be called repeatedly or be intimidated by the caller.
6. You **must** be told the total cost before you are required to pay for products or services.



Telemarketing Scams

One of the most popular ways to scam seniors is through the telephone.

Telemarketers offer fake prizes such as free vacations and jewelry. They also solicit for bogus charities.

Seniors tend to be the victims because they grew up in an era where they could trust people. Good folk were never rude and never hung up on anyone.

Avoiding Telemarketing Scams

- Don't talk to them. *Get an answering machine, caller I.D. or just hang up.*
- Take down the phone number and report it.
- If you want to give money to a charity, seek them out yourself.
*Your State Police Department **NEVER** solicits over the phone.*
- Get on the Federal DO-NOT-CALL LIST.
Call 1-800-DONOTCALL or go online and register at www.donotcall.gov



HOTLINES FOR SENIORS

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601 E St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20049
202-434-2277 • 888-687-AARP (2277)
*Paid membership
for persons 50 and older.
Free publications.
www.aarp.org*

National Council on Aging (NCOA)

1901 L St. N.W. - Floor 4
Washington, D.C. 20036
202-479-1200
*Non-profit organization
for professionals.
Free publications for caregivers.
www.ncoa.org*

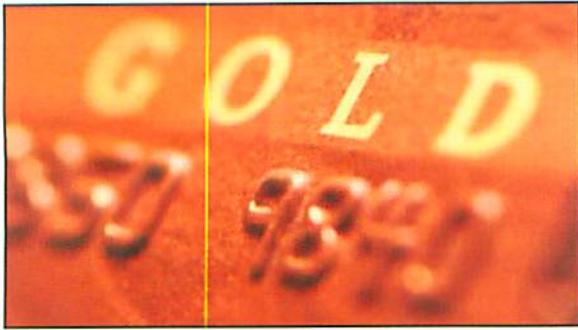
National Institute on Aging (NIA)

Bldg. 31, Rm. 5C27
31 Center Dr.
Bethesda, MD 20892
301-496-1752 • 800-222-2225
*Part of the
National Institute of Health.
www.nia.nih.gov*

United Way of America

701 N. Fairfax St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-836-7100
*National office for local
independent agencies.
www.liveunited.org*

Con Games & Scams



Con artists are rarely violent. Once the con artist has gained your “confidence,” he/she will use it to get your money.

Some of the consumer con games to be aware of are:

- **Home Repair** - offers of free estimates and inspections
- **Debt Consolidation** - offers with high interest rates
- **Medical Fraud** - never buy “miracle cures”

If you feel uneasy about an offer or someone, trust your instincts. Check out the company or person by asking for references and ask to see their state licenses. Check with your local Better Business Bureau.



If the offer seems like it is “too good to be true,” it probably is.

SIGNS OF FRAUD

- **Must pay to win or must pay now**
- **Must decide now**
- **Pressure you for a credit card number**
- **They instruct you not to tell anyone**
- **Tell you that the initial investment will be well worth it**



JURY DUTY SCAM ALERT!

The phone rings, you pick it up, and the caller identifies themselves as an officer of the court. They tell you that you have failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant is out for your arrest. You say you never received a notice. To clear it up, the caller then says they’ll need some information for “verification purposes”- your birth date, social security number, maybe even a credit card number. This is when you should hang up the phone. It’s a scam.

The judicial system does not contact people by telephone and ask for personal information such as your date of birth, social security number, or credit card numbers. If you receive one of these phone calls, do not provide any personal or confidential information to these individuals.

To read more about this scam visit www.fbi.gov and type “jury scam” in the search box.

Child Identity Theft

Your child's identity can be stolen as early as 6 months...
more than 500,000 children had their identities stolen in recent years.

Your Child's Identity Can Be Stolen From Medical Records, an Obituary or a Social Security number.



IT CAN BE USED FOR:

- Immigrants seeking to establish an illegal identity
- Someone with bad credit trying to establish new credit
- Scam artists trying to make money off of YOU!!

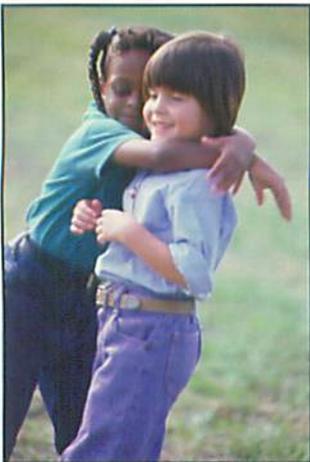
WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOUR CHILD IS A VICTIM:

- Contact credit issuers
- Keep a log with date, name, phone number & title of each person you speak with and summary of the conversation
- File a police report & request copies
- Consider changing your child's social security number



If your child hasn't worked, they shouldn't have an existing Earnings Report or Credit Report!!

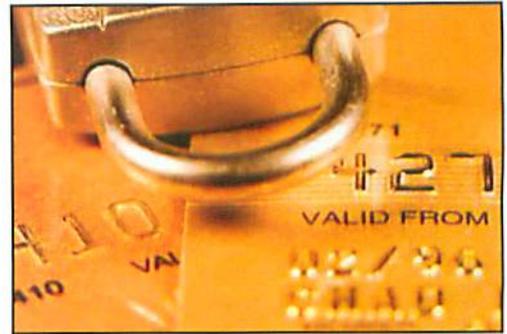
7 Steps to Protect Your Child From Identity Theft



1. Disclose personal information carefully
2. Shred any paper with your child's social security number
3. Have all bank accounts require a photo ID and password for all transactions
4. Be wary of credit card offers in the mail
5. File complaints with the Federal Trade Commission (**877-438-4338** or **FTC.gov**)
6. Check with the credit agencies to see if credit reports exist
7. Check for an earnings report from the Social Security Administration

Identity thieves target children because parents are unaware that their children are at risk...

LOCK YOUR CREDIT AWAY FROM IDENTITY THIEVES



FRAUD ALERTS

VS

CREDIT FREEZES

What are Fraud Alerts?



Consumers can put an electronic red flag on their credit reports at the three major bureaus:

Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

Fraud Alerts are pretty easy to put in place.

All it typically takes to get a fraud alert is a phone call to each bureau.

Fraud Alerts can be ignored by lenders.

Lenders are required by law to take “Reasonable Steps” to verify the ID of anyone applying for credit in your name. “Reasonable Steps” is ambiguous – consumer advocates say **fraud alerts are too often ignored.**

A Credit Freeze is a way to block your credit reports – that makes it a lot tougher for an identity thief to get a loan or open a credit account in your name. While a freeze is in place, no one, not even you, can open an account in your name. Lenders, insurers and even employers doing background checks are not able to access your credit file. They will get a code saying your reports are frozen.



To Lift the Freeze:

In order for you to get credit, you have to call the bureaus, supply the PINs they gave you and the freeze will be lifted in 2-3 days, depending on the state.



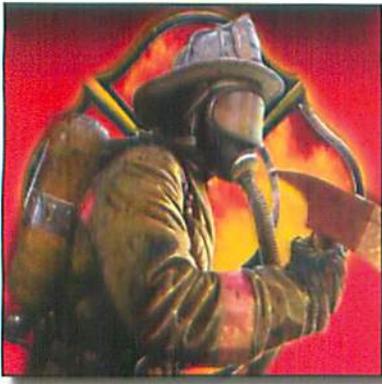
To Get A Fraud Alert or Credit Freeze Go To A Credit Bureau Website Or Phone Them

www.experian.com
1-888-397-3742

www.equifax.com
1-800-685-1111

www.transunion.com
1-800-680-7289

FREEZING YOUR CREDIT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO FEND OFF THIEVES. IT MEANS THAT NOT EVEN YOU CAN OPEN A CREDIT ACCOUNT WITHOUT DELAY.



Fire Prevention

- Fire Departments respond to fires every 23 seconds to nearly 2 million fires a year
- 3,010 civilian deaths per year
- Young children and seniors are at the highest risk
- #1 Cause of Home Fatalities: **SMOKING IN BED**



Where a **Smoke Detector** was present and operating, 80% of fires had **NO** fire-related deaths.

Smoke Detectors



- Test smoke detector batteries each month
- Change them at least twice a year, when you change your clocks

Make an escape plan – practice it with your family twice a year!!

Agree on a meeting place

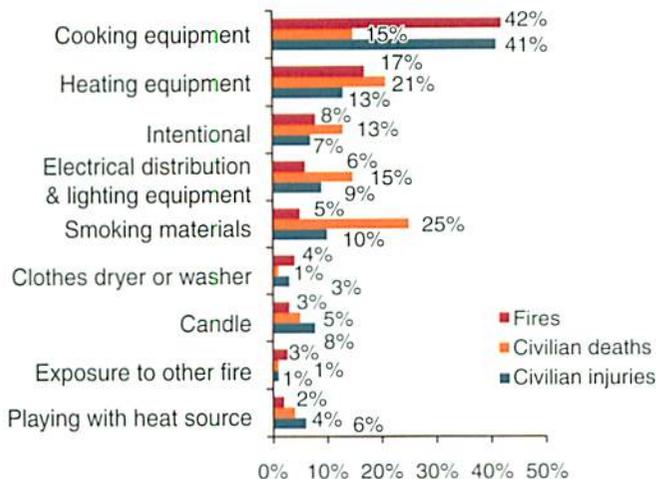
Never go into a burning building!!



**Prevention is the job of the Whole Family.
Everyone should participate in
making plans that may Save Lives!!**

FIRE FACTS

Major Causes of Home Structure Fires 2005 - 2009



Home Structure Fires

Home structure fires caused 85% of the civilian fire deaths and 74% of the civilian fire injuries. Homes include one-and two- family homes, apartments, townhouses, row houses, and manufactured homes.



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

Unattended cooking is the leading factor contributing to these fires. Frying is the leading type of activity associated with cooking fires.

More than half of all cooking fire injuries occurred when people tried to fight the fire themselves.



Smoking has been the leading cause of home deaths for decades.

More than two-thirds (68%) of the home smoking material fire fatalities resulted from fires originating with a) upholstered furniture, or b) mattresses or bedding. Flammability standards and decreases in smoking have helped reduce these deaths, but the "fire safe" cigarette will help prevent many more. Canada and all 50 states in the U.S. have passed legislation requiring cigarettes to be "fire-safe."



Heating equipment caused 21% of home fire deaths. Heating equipment ranked second in reported home fires and home fire deaths and injuries. Portable and fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, are involved in more fires than central heat. These fires are also more likely than central heating fires to result in death.

Intentional fires are the third leading cause of home fires. According to FBI statistics, roughly half of the people arrested for arson in recent years were under 18.



Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was the fourth leading cause of home fires. A study by the consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) found that homes with older

wiring face an increased risk of electrical wiring fire. Electrical factors can play a role in any fire involving equipment powered by electricity. Electrical failures were factors in 13% of home fires.

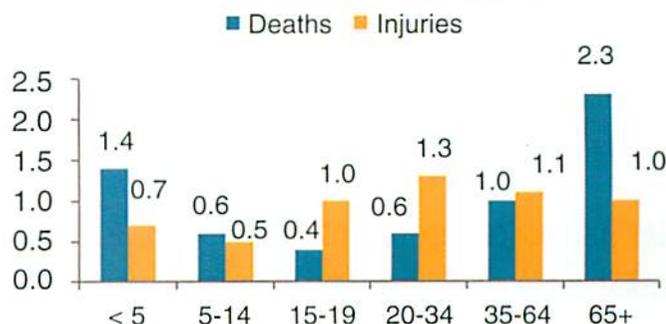


Candles were the fourth leading cause of home fire injuries. These fires nearly tripled from 1990's levels. Candles used for light in the absence of electrical power caused 1/3 of fatal candle fires.

Children under 5 are almost 8 times as likely to die in fires caused by playing with heat sources than are people of all ages.

Children under 5 and older adults face the highest risk of home fire deaths, but young adults face a higher risk of home fire injury.

Relative Risk of U.S. Home Fire Deaths and injuries by Age Group: 2003-2007

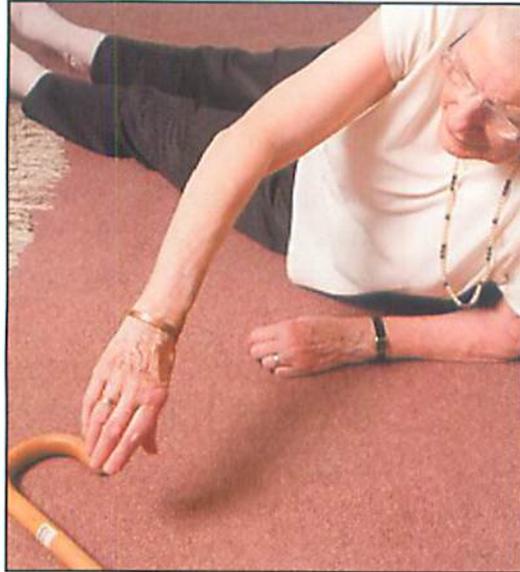


*Information obtained from www.nfpa.org

Senior Safety

Secure Your Home Against Falls

1.6 million seniors were treated in emergency rooms for fall-related injuries. More than 1/3 of adults over age 65 fall each year. Among elders, falls are the leading cause of injury deaths.



Protect Yourself



Don't give out any personal information over the phone to anyone you don't know and/or trust.

Consider putting yourself on a no-call list to limit unwanted solicitations and protect yourself from possible scams. (see page 12)

Helpful Tips For Seniors

Use a buddy system so friends, family and perhaps a senior center know where you are and what you are doing.



Acquire a medical alert device so you can get help if you get injured and can't get to the phone.



Develop a home modification plan for independent senior living.

Let your police department know if you live alone... ask them to check in on you occasionally.

Inside Your Home

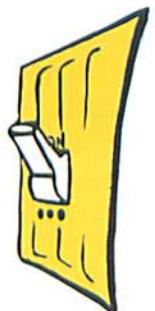
Clear pathways inside and out & make sure they're even and well-lit. Clear clutter from the floor, and make sure rugs are secure to the floor.

Doors — Be able to see visitors before you open the door. Install a garage door opener.

Stairs — Should have railings. Keep each staircase well-lit.

Bathroom — Use bath rugs with rubber mats, and walk-in showers with skid protectors on the floor and grab bars on the walls to prevent falling and slipping. Make sure the bathroom door can be unlocked from the outside.

As we age, we need more light to see properly. Add lights where you need them — some examples are inside stairways, halls and in the kitchen. Place nightlights where you traffic regularly.



the FBI's **ten** most **wanted** fugitives

JULY 2012

ERIC JUSTIN TOTH

Possession of child pornography; production of child pornography

Height: 6'3"
Weight: 155 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Green



EDUARDO RAVELO

Racketeering; money laundering; intent to distribute heroin, cocaine and marijuana

Height: 5'9"
Weight: 150 to 180 pounds
Hair: Black (possibly bald)
Eyes: Brown

JASON DEREK BROWN

Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution; first degree murder; armed robbery

Height: 5'10"
Weight: 170 to 180 pounds
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Green



FIDEL URBINA

First degree murder; aggravated kidnapping; unlawful flight to avoid prosecution...

Height: 5'11" to 6'1"
Weight: 165 to 175 pounds
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown

JOE LUIS SAENZ

Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution; murder; kidnapping; rape; parole violation

Height: 5'11" to 6'0"
Weight: 180 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown



ROBERT WILLIAM FISHER

Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution - first degree murder (3 counts); arson of an occupied structure

Height: 6'0"
Weight: 190 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue

VICTOR MANUEL GERENA

Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution; bank robbery; armed robbery; interstate theft

Height: 5'6" to 5'7"
Weight: 160 to 169 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Green



GLEN STEWART GODWIN

Unlawful flight to avoid confinement - murder; escape

Height: 6'0"
Weight: 200 pounds
Hair: Black/Salt & Pepper
Eyes: Green

SEMION MOGILEVICH

Fraud by wire; RICO conspiracy; mail fraud; money laundering; aiding and abetting...

Height: 5'6" to 5'7"
Weight: 290 pounds
Hair: Gray (Balding)
Eyes: Green



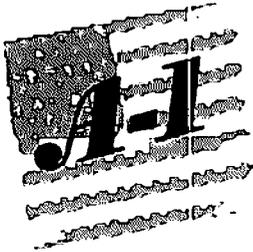
ALEXIS FLORES

Unlawful flight to avoid prosecution - kidnapping; murder

Height: 5'4"
Weight: 130 to 140 pounds
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE PERSONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FBI OFFICE, OR THE NEAREST U.S. EMBASSY OR CONSULATE.

THESE FUGITIVES ARE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. DO NOT TRY TO APPREHEND OR INTERCEPT ON YOUR OWN!!



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Recycling Information

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recycling is collected every other week, the same day as your garbage pick-up. For additional copies of the 2013 recycling calendar, visit: www.wilkinstownship.com or call 412.824.6650.

Pick-up will be delayed one day on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

PLASTICS #1 & #2: Rinse. Discard lids.

GLASS (clear, brown and green): Rinse. Discard lids and metal rings.

ALUMINUM AND BI-METAL CONTAINERS: Rinse. Lids may be included.

STEEL AND TIN CANS: Rinse. Lids may be included.

WANT TO DO MORE WITH YOUR YARD WASTE?

Attend a Backyard Composting Workshop offered by the Pennsylvania Resources Council to learn how to turn your kitchen scraps and yard debris into rich, homemade compost for your gardens and lawns. You receive a composting bin with class attendance! For more information or to find a class near you, contact Corinne Ogradnik at 412.431.4449 ext. 325.

FREE FREON APPLIANCE REMOVAL SERVICE

If you plan to dispose of any household appliance that contains Freon (for example refrigerators or air conditioners), contact the Wilkins Township office at 412.824.6650. The Township will arrange to have a certified Freon remover pick-up your appliance. There is NO fee to residents for this service.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL INFORMATION

Household Hazardous Waste

For information on the proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) including paint and paint products, automotive fluids, solvents, household cleaners, pesticides, and pool and photo chemicals contact the Southwestern PA HHW Task Force at 412.488.7452 or visit: www.swpahhw.org.

Building Materials

Donate usable building materials such as lumber, kitchen cabinets and windows to Construction Junction, Western PA's first non-profit retail store for used and surplus building materials. Call 412.243.5025 or visit: www.constructionjunction.org for more information.

"Hard to Recycle" Items

Check out the "Recycle it Here Throughout the Year" events where you can safely dispose of or recycle items such as tires, large appliances, computer equipment and latex paint. For dates, fee structure and locations, call the Pennsylvania Resources Council at 412.488.7490 or visit: www.prc.org.

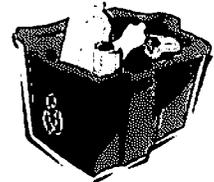
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Citizen's Assistance Program

As a part of the Wilkins Township Police Department's new approach to community oriented policing, we are offering Township residents an opportunity to provide us with the name and telephone number of an individual with whom we may make contact in the event that we are required to gain access to your home for emergency purposes.

As our population grows older, our police officers are frequently asked by the loved ones or neighbors of our older residents to provide well-being checkups. By providing the department with the name and phone number of a key-holder, the police officers could better serve these types of requests.

Please note that we ARE NOT requesting a key to your home. We are providing you with an opportunity to give us information that we will keep on file in the Police Department. In the event of an emergency, the officer on-duty would contact the individual listed on the card so that access can be granted to the home. If you are interested in this program, please fill out the following form and mail it to the Wilkins Township Police Department, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

Township of Wilkins Police Department

Citizen's Assistance Program

Name of Resident(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of Designated Key holder: _____

Home Phone Number of Designated Key holder: _____

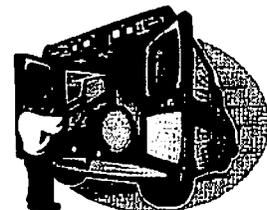
Cell Phone Number of Designated Key holder: _____

Signature of Resident: _____

Date: _____

Mail Completed Form To:
Wilkins Township Police Department
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Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Questions? Please call: 412-824-0032



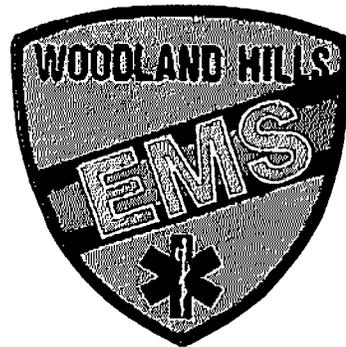
Woodland Hills EMS (WHEMS)



Woodland Hills EMS (WHEMS) was formed in 2001 from the merger of Forest Hills/Chalfant Rescue 8 and Wilkins/Churchill Rescue 1. Currently, we provide emergency medical care to Forest Hills, Braddock Hills, Wilkins, Churchill and Chalfant and we respond as back up to all of the surrounding communities.

Based in Forest Hills, WHEMS runs 2 ALS ambulances and 1 supervisor squad every day and average about 3700 calls for help a year.

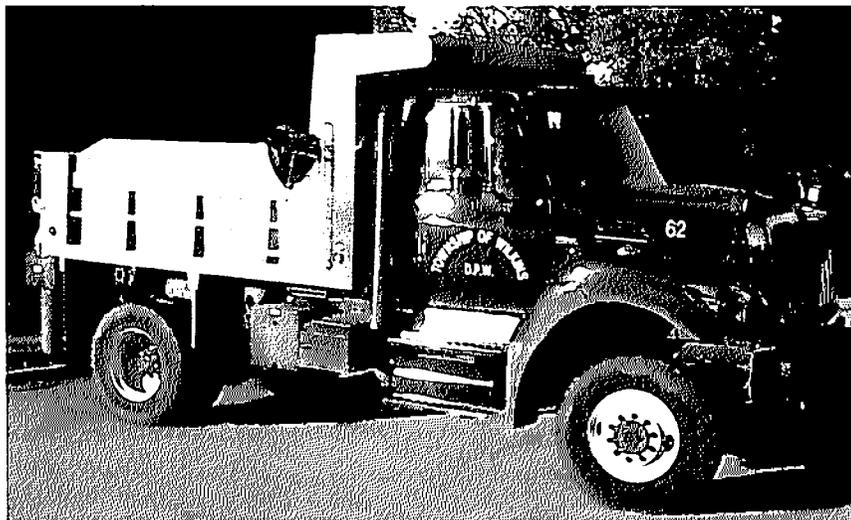
During daylight hours, WHEMS keeps a truck in the Wilkins 4 Fire Department located in the Eastmont section of Wilkins Township.



Department of Public Works

A seven (7) member Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance of the Township's infrastructure. In addition to snow removal, road repair and leaf collection, the Department also is responsible for maintaining the Municipal Building, storm and sanitary sewers, line painting, street and traffic signs as well as the Township Parks.

Our normal hours of operation are from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. We can be reached at (412) 824-6650, ext. 18. For sanitary sewer problems other than normal hours use the Police Department NON-EMERGENCY number (412) 473-3000.





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412-350-4711

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412-350-4141

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Family Court - Juvenile
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412-350-3044

Investigations
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Municipal Court
412-350-3235

Real Estate / Civil Process
412-350-4704

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Transportation
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County Council
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412-687-2243

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Property Assessments
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Public Defender
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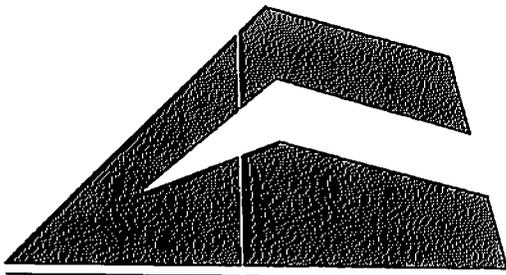
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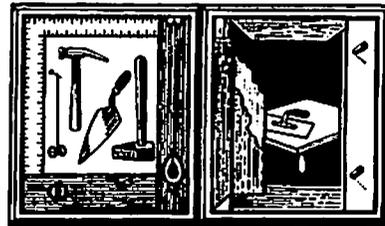
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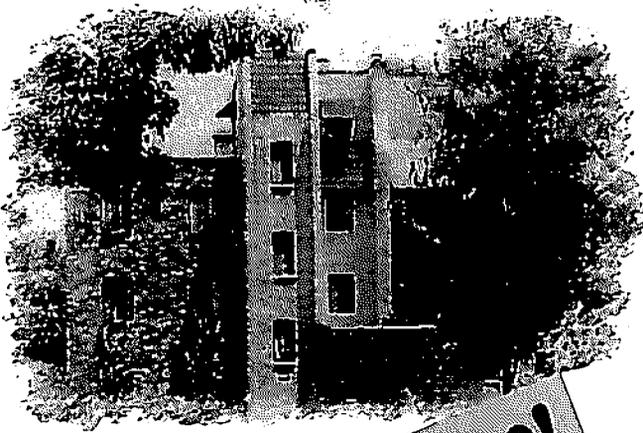
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