

El Paso County Sheriff's Office Tips and How to Get Involved

Crime Prevention

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is committed to helping our citizens keep themselves, their families and their communities safe from crime, the fear of crime and neighborhood decay. Working collaboratively with other local law enforcement officials, we help establish networking systems, provide educational materials, programs, training and safety tutorials to promote pro-active crime prevention in our community. Through an active Community Oriented Policing philosophy, we believe that individual citizens should be empowered to work with law enforcement to help keep themselves safe. A number of programs we offer will provide tools that you can use to learn crime prevention strategies, engage other community members, and coordinate with local law enforcement to aid in crime prevention.

Crime Prevention Tips

Children Safety:

- Advise your children never to give out personal information to strangers and they should tell you immediately if somebody asks.
- Any time a situation has made a child uncomfortable they should tell a parent immediately.
- Share a secret code word with children. If for any reason another adult advises your child to go with him/her, if the code word is not used, tell your child to run away from the stranger and tell you immediately.
- Make sure your child knows how and when to use 911.

Home:

- Place a metal or wooden rod in the track of sliding glass doors/windows.
- Use secure locks on windows and doors.
- Have sufficient lighting at all entrances.
- Make sure you know who is at the door before opening it.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you are not home.
- Do not hide keys; have a trusted person keep a spare.
- If you install a security system make sure you are aware of the company's response policy.
- Do not give out security passwords; change the password appropriately.

Vehicle Safety:

- Keep your car in good working condition
- Do not pick up hitchhikers
- Always lock your car door even if you are only away from the vehicle for a few minutes
- Park in well lit areas
- Check the back seat when entering the vehicle
- If your car breaks down, put on your emergency flashers. Be wary of accepting rides from strangers.

Personal Safety:

- When walking, stay in well-lit areas, avoid bushes, alleys, etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings; look around to see if people are around.
- If you carry a purse, hold it tight to the body. Make sure it is closed.
- Have house, car key in hand prior to exiting vehicle.

Get Involved

The Sheriff's Office offers several classes and services to the public regarding safety and security.

Classes include, but are not limited to: Personal Safety, Personal Safety for Seniors, Refuse to be a victim, Home Security, Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention, and Robbery Prevention.

For a complete listing of classes offered or to schedule a class, contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at 719-520-7151.

The EPSO Volunteer Program is composed of a collective group of citizens with a true and common desire to partner with law enforcement. Citizens volunteering with EPSO assist in many different exciting capacities. For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 719-520-7216.

The EPSO encourages citizens to see what deputies do on a daily basis by participating in a patrol ride-along.

The EPSO also offers a 9 week Citizen's Academy during which citizens get a comprehensive view of operations of the agency.

More info on how to get involved, contact the Community Relations Office at 719 520-7162 or visit epcsheriffsoffice.com

Neighborhood Watch

A neighborhood Watch system is easy to establish, simply by getting to know your neighbors on either side of your home, and directly across the street. In a Neighborhood Watch community, neighbors keep watch on each others' homes and report any suspicious activity. As one of the most successful community/law enforcement partnerships in the USA, this program aids law enforcement by creating a closer sense of community among citizens. Neighbors who know each other become eyes and ears for each other and develop an awareness of unusual circumstances and suspicious behaviors.



Neighborhood Watch Program

El Paso County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Resources

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency:	911
El Paso County Sheriff	719-390-5555
Colorado Springs Police	719-444-7000
State Patrol	719-635-0385
Fountain PD	719-382-8555

EPSO:

Victims Advocate	719-520-7272
Crime Prevention	719-520-7151
Community Relations	719-520-7162
Recruiting	719-520-7059
Volunteer Coordinator	719-520-7216
Non-emergent tip line	719-520-7777
Crime Stoppers	719-634-STOP

Important Websites

www.epcsheriffsoffice.com

Information for El Paso County
Crime Reports & Maps
Recent Events (Blotter)
Registered Sex Offenders
Crime Stats
Crime Prevention Information
Concealed Handgun Permit
Civil Process

www.springsgov.com

Information for Colorado Springs
Crime Stats
Recent Events (Blotter)
Registered Sex Offenders
Employment Information

www.csp.state.co.us

Information for the State Highway
Patrol On-line accident report
Road conditions

www.fountaincolorado.org

Information for the Fountain PD

Community Education Classes

- Stages of Assault, Targeting Hardening, Verbal Stunning
- Mental Preparedness & Mindsetting for Survival
- Boundary Setting & Personal Space
- General Personal Safety
- Mental Preparation for Physical Defense
- Personal Safety for Seniors
- Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention
- Automobile Security & Carjacking
- Home Security
- Robbery Prevention
- Shoplift Prevention
- Retail Security
- Violence in the Workplace
- Sexual Harassment
- Dating Safety
- Conflict Resolution
- CERT: Citizen Emergency Response Training
- Crime Free Multi-Housing
- Terrorism Awareness
- Verbal De-Escalation
- Refuse To Be A Victim

Home & Business Security Inspections:

- C.P.T.E.D. (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- E.T.R.A. (Enhanced Threat & Risk Assessment)

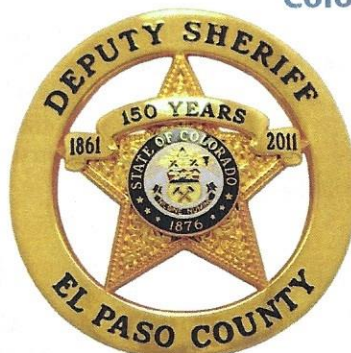
Contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator to schedule a class or security inspection

Crime Prevention Coordinator:

27 E. Vermijo Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

719-520-7151



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