

What is Crime Prevention?

Crime Prevention is the act of stopping or preventing a crime before it occurs. For a crime to take place, there must be several elements present.

The primary elements are desire and opportunity. Desire is the criminal's **desire** to commit the crime, and opportunity is the **availability** for the criminal to commit the offense, such as an unlocked door or unsecured property.

By taking preventive steps you may reduce your chances of being a victim of crime. Working together and taking proactive steps is a good start.

The Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Section offers several FREE programs and services. Please take a moment to read through the information provided here. If you have questions or need further information, please call the Crime Prevention Section.

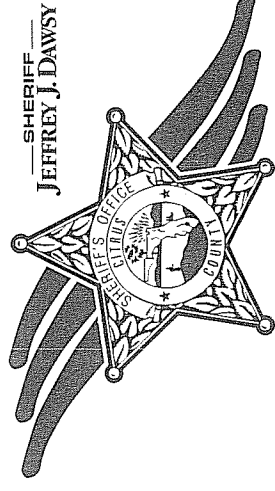
Free Programs and Services Available

- Seniors vs. Crime
- Residential Security Surveys
- Agricultural Security Surveys
- Scams
- Computer Crimes & Security
- Auto Theft Prevention
- Telemarketing
- Fraud
- Disaster Preparation
- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety
- Children's Safety & Child I.D. Program
- Cyber Safety (Internet Safety for Children)
- Gun Safety & Laws
- Operation Identification
- Identity Theft
- Combat Auto Theft (CAT) Program
- Pre-Construction Information
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Alarm Systems
- Crime Prevention Displays
- McGruff Crime-Fighting Dog

Especially for Businesses

- Commercial Security Surveys
- STAR (Emergency Contact) Program
- Urgent Information via "Blast Fax"
- Disaster Planning
- Workplace Violence
- Robbery Prevention Program

Working Together, We Can All Prevent Crime!



Tips to protect yourself

- Always lock your doors.
- Never give personal information to anyone you do not know, especially unsolicited phone callers.
- Shred all documents with important account numbers and personal information. Use cross-cut shredders rather than strip-cut type.
- Use outdoor lighting around your home or business to deter criminal activity.
- Use a monitored alarm system.
- Use virus protection, a firewall and anti-spyware programs to combat computer crimes.

Anonymous Tipline
1-888-ANY-TIPS

To schedule a crime prevention program or presentation, or to take advantage of a free residential or commercial security survey, call the Crime Prevention Section at 726-4488.

Website & e-mail address:
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Other literature available:

- “Closing the Door on Crime”
- “A Guide to Forming Neighborhood Watch”
- “Passport to Safety”



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Crime Prevention Resources

Available through the
Citrus County Sheriff's Office



The mission of the Crime Prevention Section is to reduce crime through public awareness and education, community partnerships, and the utilization of department resources.