

## Be Educated, Be Involved, Take a Stance in your Neighborhood

The key to safety in your neighborhood realistically is just being a good neighbor. Do you know the names/faces of those who live next door? Would you be suspicious if a moving truck pulled in next door and started loading up televisions and stereos? Does an adult in a car asking questions of a small child on the sidewalk strike you as odd? Have you ever answered the door to find someone selling meat or offering to do home improvements? These are all situations the police would find suspicious and we would prefer to investigate them while they are occurring instead of after someone becomes victimized. The police department needs all neighborhoods to have citizens who will take an interest in their neighborhoods and their neighbors. Neighborhood watch groups were started to break down barriers and unite people toward a common goal of safety near your home. Tricom, your citizen's crime prevention coalition, suggests wherever you live contact your local crime prevention officer to initiate a neighborhood watch in your neighborhood. We are not asking anyone to get personally involved in investigating suspicious activity. Rather, call the police when you see suspicious activity occurring. By joining forces we can make all of the communities in Winnebago County safer places to live.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch Programs:

In *Menasha*  
call 967-3500



In *Neenah*  
call 886-6000



In *Oshkosh*  
call 236-5742



In *Town of Menasha*  
call 720-7109



Elsewhere in *Winnebago County* call 236-7309



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# The Crime Reporter



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Working Together on Crime Prevention, Health and Safety

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## WCPPA and Home Depot partner to combat crime



Each year over \$160 million of property is taken from Wisconsin residences and businesses by criminals! Many of these crimes could have been prevented by taking simple steps to make our property more secure.

In response to the burglaries and thefts occurring throughout Wisconsin, crime prevention officers throughout Wisconsin have been offering security surveys and suggestions to home owners and businesses with ways to "target harden" their property. Some suggestions have been to install a deadbolt lock and/or add more lighting. According to Joel Dhein, president of the WI Crime Prevention Practitioners Association (WCPPA), "dollar for dollar, a deadbolt lock and exterior lighting are the best deterrents for burglary."

In an effort to make these changes as easy as possible to the public, the WCPPA has partnered with The Home Depot stores of Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula to offer discounts to residents and businesses that work with their local crime prevention officer to increase the safety and security of their property. The Home Depot stores will also offer demonstrations on installing some of these security products at their popular "How-to" clinics.

"This partnership truly reflects The Home Depot's core value of giving back to the community" said Jessy Lundin, Home Depot Asset Protection manager in Northeast Wisconsin. "Each Home Depot store has a licensed electrician on staff along with many other construction professionals that are willing to help crime prevention officers and residents and businesses with any questions regarding products and installation", added Lundin.

For more information on this partnership, please contact one of the local crime prevention officers!

[Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#)



**Alcoholic Beverages**

Like any drug, the consumption of alcohol can have beneficial or harmful effects depending on the amount consumed, age and other characteristics of the person consuming the alcohol, and specifics of the situation. In 2009, 55 percent of U.S. adults were current drinkers. Forty-five percent of U.S. adults do not drink any alcohol at all.<sup>15</sup> Abstention is an important option. The lowest all-cause mortality occurs at an intake of one to two drinks per day. The lowest coronary heart disease mortality also occurs at an intake of one to two drinks per day. Morbidity and mortality are highest among those drinking large amounts of alcohol.

**KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Those who choose to drink alcoholic beverages should do so sensibly and in moderation—defined as the consumption of up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men, but no more!
- Alcoholic beverages should not be consumed by some individuals, including those who cannot restrict their alcohol intake, women of childbearing age who may become pregnant, pregnant and lactating women, children and adolescents, individuals taking medications that can interact with alcohol, and those with specific medical conditions.
- Alcoholic beverages should be avoided by individuals engaging in activities that require attention, skill, or coordination, such as driving or operating machinery.

Moderation is defined as the consumption of up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men. Twelve fluid ounces of regular beer, 5 fluid ounces of wine, or 1.5 fluid ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits count as one drink for purposes of explaining moderation. This definition of moderation is not intended as an average over several days but rather as the amount consumed on any single day. Alcoholic beverages are harmful when consumed in excess. Excess alcohol consumption alters judgment and can lead to dependency or addiction and other serious health problems such as cirrhosis of the liver, inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to the heart and brain. Even less than heavy consumption of alcohol is associated with significant risks. Furthermore, it is not recommended that anyone begin drinking or drink more frequently on the basis of health considerations.



Established in 1994, the Tri-Communities Crime Reduction Coalition,

TRICOM, is a coalition that brings together the law enforcement, business and citizen communities. TRICOM is committed to health, safety and crime-prevention. Its Visions is: “One community focused upon a caring safety-conscious, health-driven and crime-free environment.”

In order to make the communities of Winnebago County safe and crime-free, the Mission of TRICOM is to identify gaps in crime prevention services, conduct research on needs and programs to fill these gaps, be a networking hub and connector of resources that enhance the work of its partner organizations, and enhance community involvement opportunities in crime prevention and safe neighborhood programs.

For further information about TRICOM contact Chairman Dan Hinton at (920)236-4820 or (920)727-2882 ext. 4820.



Residents who believe that crime prevention is a good investment have a new option: The **Winnebago County Crime Prevention**

**Fund** is an endowment fund, established to provide lasting financial support for crime prevention activities throughout Winnebago County. The fund is an initiative of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and all law enforcement agencies throughout Winnebago County. For more information contact the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation at (920) 426-3993.

**Be a mentor to a child. You can make a difference!**

You can be a Best Friend and make the world better... one child at a time. Call Best Friends of Neenah-Menasha at (920)729-5600 for more information.



**TRIAD**

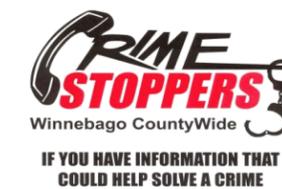
Don't Wait, Get Involved Soon...

TRIAD is a national program that unites police, sheriff and seniors to share experiences and prepare to

defend against frauds and scams or other senior issues. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults, through education and active participation in statewide programs and projects, by partnering with Law Enforcement, Senior Serving Agencies and Seniors to help reduce criminal victimization of older adults.

We are ALWAYS looking for new members to join us.

**Be Observant – Call About Crime!**



Please help law enforcement, if you see a crime in progress call the Winnebago County Emergency 911

**CALL 1-800-621-CASH (2274)**  
[www.winnebagocrimestoppers.org](http://www.winnebagocrimestoppers.org)  
 center or you call the Winnebago County-Wide Crime Stoppers at 1-800-621-CASH (2274) or go to the website at [www.winnebagocountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.winnebagocountycrimestoppers.org)  
 REMAIN ANONYMOUS! Cash rewards up to \$1000 if your information leads to the arrest or conviction of a criminal. Help protect your community and others, get involved to make Winnebago County a safer and more secure community.