

Crime Prevention Award for Tigers

Scout Name: _____

_____ "Know Your Family"

Addressing crime prevention through families is one of the most effective ways to combat the problem. Here are some important topics for family or one-on-one discussion:

- Children need to feel that someone cares enough to protect them. Adults need to set limits, rules, and standards for children. Discuss the reasons for and importance of these boundaries.
- Children need to talk about violent situations they might witness or be involved in. How might such violent situations be avoided? How can children prevent such situations from happening to themselves or their family and friends? What is a loving and supportive environment, and how is it created?
- Why is it important to be trustworthy? How does a person earn a reputation for trustworthiness? How does a person lose that reputation, and what does it feel like? Discuss how one small violation of trust can lead to larger ethical compromises.
- Is it right to "narc on" someone you know? How does silence allow crime to flourish? Discuss ways to tell the truth about someone else's actions without suffering reprisals. Give examples.
- It can be difficult to develop a sense of respect and appreciation for one's family, community, and world. Discuss focusing on positive things-not just problems.

The following strategies and projects can involve individuals or whole families in preventing crime:

- Don't keep or temporarily place weapons where children have access to them. A parent's attitude and example can be extremely influential when it comes to weapons.
- Get to know neighbors and help your children develop trust with them. Increase the awareness of everyone in your neighborhood of situations that could attract crime - for example, empty houses, open garage doors, unaccompanied children.
- Stay in touch with your children and have them stay in touch with you. Teach them how to contact you and how to find another trusted adult any time they need help.
- Offer the use of your home as a refuge and a reliable source of help for children who are frightened or need assistance.

- Organize, join, or participate in your neighborhood’s or community’s crime watch efforts. Help educate others about crime prevention.

Parent sign off for completion of at-home requirements

Signature _____ Date _____

Once the requirements are completed, meet with your den leader to discuss what you learned.

Den Leader Approval

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ "Know Your Community"

When working on crime prevention with youth, help them learn the importance of the following:

- Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. Do not stand around and watch while others are arguing; violence often spreads into groups of bystanders.
- Learn safe routes and good places to find help in the neighborhood. Trust your feelings; if you sense danger, get away fast. Report any crimes or suspicious actions or individuals to the police, school authorities, or parents.
- Do not open the door to anyone you do not know and trust. Never go anywhere with someone you do not know and trust.
- Whenever you leave home, tell parents, relatives, or other responsible adults where you are going, who you will be with, and when you expect to be home.
- Do not use alcohol or other drugs.
- Stick with friends who are not violent and who do not use alcohol or drugs. Avoid known "trouble spots" and difficult situations.
- If someone tries to abuse you or touch you inappropriately, yell no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
- Help teach younger children how to avoid being victims of crime. Set a good example for them, and explain why it’s important to be safe.

This section will be covered by the Pack 295 BSA Emergency Preparedness day.

Preparedness day attendance sign off by organizing Pack leadership:

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Community Service Project

This award also requires a crime prevention community service project, such as cleaning up trash in your neighborhood, a local park, trail, etc. This may be done as an individual or with your den.

Project Selected: _____

Date Completed: _____

Parent sign off for completion

Signature _____ Date _____

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Den Leader Approval

Signature _____ Date _____