



In this newsletter, we will be discussing the following:

- Block Watch Program
- Crime Prevention Tip
- Post Falls City Code:



# Block Watch

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The Post Falls Police Department Community Service Officers would like to remind neighborhood residents in our community who are interested in initiating a Block Watch program to please contact Community Services at 208-773-3517 or e-mail: [codeenforcement@postfallspolice.com](mailto:codeenforcement@postfallspolice.com).

## What is the Block Watch Program?

It is an effective way to prevent crime and reduce fear in your neighborhood. The program helps to fight the isolation crime creates and feeds upon in neighborhoods, and it forges bonds among area residents.



# Crime Prevention Tip

## Protecting Your Property:

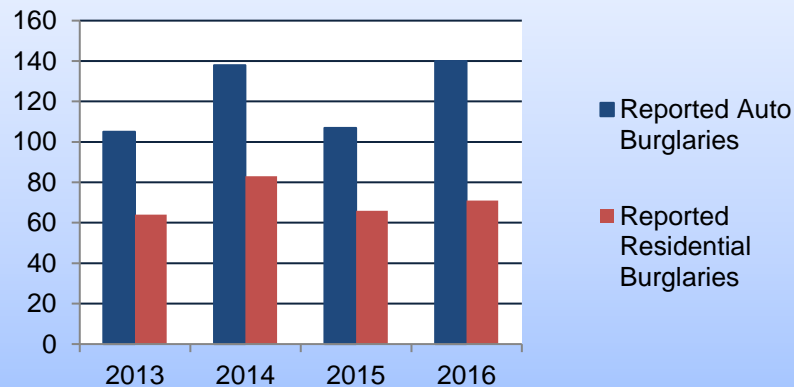
With warmer weather and longer days now upon us, it's important to remember a few extra steps to protect your property.

### **Vehicle:**

1. Always lock your vehicle and keep all windows up when not in operation.
2. Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
3. During night time hours, park in well lit areas.

### **Homes:**

1. Keep all doors locked, even if you are inside.
2. Make sure all doors and windows are secure before leaving.
3. It is suggested to leave a light on and the radio or television on when you are not at home.
4. Use the peep hole or look out a window before answering the door.
5. Leaving on outside lights at night will make it more of a deterrent for a thief to approach your residence.
6. If leaving for a vacation, have your mail and paper deliveries placed on hold while you are gone, and contact the Post Falls Police Department to set up a vacation check.



## Safety Tip

With the warmer weather coming, more children will be outside running and playing, and children are much less likely to look before chasing a ball or toy into the street. Please keep an extra eye out while driving in residential neighborhoods.

## Reminder

### **Idaho Statue 49-948 Restrictions as to tire equipment**

Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers with tires having built-in studs are prohibited on public highways between the dates of May 1 and September 30 annually.

**(The use of studded tires is legal from Oct. 1 through April 30)**

# Post Falls City Code

## **8.52.020: WEEDS, BUSHES, TREES AND OVERGROWN CONDITIONS UNLAWFUL:**

A. It is unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant, or any agent or representative of any such owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or parcel of land, or any part thereof in the city, to allow, permit or maintain on any such lot or land or any adjacent municipal public right of way the growth of weeds, or unmowed grass or the accumulation of overgrown weeds, grass, brush, nuisance trees or shrubs, whether dead or living. Allowing the unmanaged growth or accumulation of weeds (noxious or otherwise) or grass over eight inches (8") in height or the accumulation or overgrowth of weeds, grass, brush or trees is declared to be a violation of this chapter. The owner of real property is ultimately responsible for compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

B. All weeds, unmowed grasses, brush piles, and vegetative litter, with the exception of an actively operated compost pile not generating nuisance odors, on any private property within the city are hereby declared to be a violation of this chapter.

C. Any tree, shrub or other plant material or any dead or dying tree or shrub located on private property in the city, which overhangs or intrudes over or upon any public street, alley, avenue, roadway, sidewalk, traffic intersection visibility triangle or traffic sign to such an extent that it interferes with the safety of the traveling public or is a hazard or hindrance to public safety or use of public property, is declared to be a violation of this chapter.

D. Pursuant to authority vested by Idaho Code section 50-317 or its successor and article XII, section 2 of the Idaho constitution, any owner, lessee, occupant, or any agent or representative of any such owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or parcel of land shall be responsible for immediately remedying any conditions that violate the requirements of this chapter. Upon notice to the owner, the city is empowered to abate such violation by causing the cutting and removal of trees, weeds, and grass, and the removal of rubbish upon and from private property within the city and the parking within the curbing abutting same, and to assess the cost thereof against the private property so cleared, and that which is adjacent to the parking/landscape strip between the sidewalks and curb and any alley so cleaned pursuant to Idaho Code section 50-317 or its successor. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, nothing addressed hereby shall preclude the city from acting upon conditions that constitute a nuisance pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code and pursuing abatement as provided thereby. (Ord. 1024 § 2, 2003)



The Post Falls Police Department Community Services Department will be providing a new Post Falls City code in each quarterly newsletter. The Post Falls city code is available to the community through the City of Post Falls or Post Falls Police Department web pages.

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