

Block Watch

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The Post Falls Police Department community services officers would like to remind the 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.

In this newsletter, we will be discussing the following:

- Block Watch Program
- Safety Tips (Halloween & winter driving safety)
- Post Falls City Code

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 forges bonds among area residents.



Safety Tips



Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips

Stay in groups.

Costumes should be well-fitting, flame resistant, and not block vision.

Always test makeup. Some children may have an allergic reaction to makeup.

Remember to always look both directions when crossing the street.

Examine all treats before allowing your children to enjoy them.

Stay on sidewalks when possible.

Avoid alleys, shortcuts, and dark houses.

Flashlights, glow sticks, and/or reflective tape should be used for visibility.

Enjoy with caution!

Safe Winter Driving:

Before moving your car, clean snow and ice from the vehicle, the forward sensors, headlights, taillights, hood, roof, and backup camera. The blow off from the snow can cause vision problems to you and vehicles behind you.

Make sure to plan ahead and be prepared for any situation. Plan your route of travel and allow extra time to get to your destination. Pack extra supplies: warm blanket, water, foods, flashlight and batteries, and items in case of emergencies.

Conduct a full service of your car in and out. Stay vigilant while driving and understand that while you are prepared and cautious others may not be. Before entering an intersection, make sure the cross traffic will be able to stop. Safe winter driving also involves being aware of other drivers.

Parking and Snow Plows

During the winter months it is recommended that if you have more than one vehicle, the daily driver should be parked in the street and the other vehicle in the driveway. By doing this you are removing the vehicle from the street daily and allowing snow plows to do their job. All snowed in vehicles on city streets will be tagged as abandoned and removed by the Post Falls Police Department if not moved within 48 hours. **Idaho Code 49-1804 (11)(d)**: allows for the removal of vehicles that impede snow removal or road maintenance.

Post Falls City Code

10.48: Snow Removal:

10.48.010: PLOWING OR DEPOSITING SNOW, DIRT OR DEBRIS ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY PROHIBITED:

A. It is unlawful for any operator of snow removal equipment or the owner of any land upon which snow removal equipment is operated to place or otherwise permit, sanction, approve or cause the placement of any fallen snow onto public property or rights of way upon its removal from privately owned lands.

B. Depositing or causing to be deposited dirt or debris within the public rights of way without the permission of the city is declared to be a nuisance and the responsibility of the person making such deposit to immediately remove the dirt from the right of way. (Ord. 1020 § 31, 2003; Ord. 696 § 1, 1993)



The Post Falls Police Department Community Services 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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