



In this newsletter, we will be discussing the following:

- Block Watch Program
- Safe Winter Driving
- 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 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](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 forges bonds among area residents.



# Safe Winter Driving

## The three P's of Safe Winter Driving:

### PREPARE

**Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.

**Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. *For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.*

**Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

**Plan Your route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

### **Practice Cold Weather Driving!**

- \* During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- \* Know what your brakes will do: *stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.*
- \* Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- \* Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- \* Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- \* Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

### PREVENT CRASHES

- \* Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- \* Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- \* Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- \* Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- \* If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

(U.S.Department of Labor / [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov))

## Neighborhood Crime Tips

The most important thing we can do to protect our neighborhood is to talk with our neighbors and work together. This does not mean that we must be nosy but getting to know the people that live around you is helpful to knowing if something is out of place.

Having your porch lights on or installing motion sensor lights is will make it harder for a criminal to approach property unseen. Criminals never want to be seen and will try to find the darkest route to a house, the more lights around the house the less chance that criminals can make it to your property unseen.

Secure your property! The easiest way to protect your property is to secure it. Don't make it easy for a criminal to take your property.

# Post Falls City Code

## **8.36.020: NUISANCE DECLARED:** 🌐 📄

The accumulation and storage of wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts thereof on private or public property is found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of surrounding private property, to promote blight and deterioration, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards, to constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors, injurious to the health, safety and general welfare due to broken glass, standing water, accumulation of rusted parts and potential for breeding of vermin.

Therefore, the presence of a wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicle, or part thereof, on private or public property except as expressly hereinafter permitted is declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be abated as such in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 1201, 2010)

## **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)

### **10.48.020: VIOLATION; MISDEMEANOR:**

Any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor. (Ord. 696 § 1, 1993)



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.

<http://www.postfallspolice.com/>

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