



# 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).

In this newsletter, we will be discussing the following:

- Block Watch Program
- Safety Tips (Halloween & Plowed in Vehicles)
- Idaho and Post Falls City Codes

## 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

**S**tay in groups.

**C**ostumes should be well fitting, flam resistant, and not block vision.

**A**lways test makeup; some children may have allergic reaction to makeup.

**R**emember to always look both directions when crossing the street.

**E**xamine all treats before allowing your children to enjoy them.

**S**tay on sidewalks when possible.

**A**void alleys, shortcuts, and dark houses.

**F**lashlights, glow sticks, and/or reflective tape should be used for visibility.

**E**njoy with caution!



### Plowed in and Buried Vehicles:

Winter months bring plenty of snow, but they also bring narrower streets. Every year Post Falls streets become clogged with plowed in vehicles that cause a traffic hazard for all vehicles driving the streets. Additionally, it makes it very hard to see pedestrians that are walking sidewalks or maybe trying to cross the street.

The Post Falls Police Department will make every attempt to contact the registered owner of a vehicle, but Idaho Code allows for any vehicle blocking the operation of snow plows or road maintenance crews to be towed immediately at the owner's expense without notifying the registered owner. 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.

#### **49-1803A. REMOVAL OF ACCIDENTS — DRIVER ARRESTS — VEHICLES FOUND UNDER**

**EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES.** (1) Any authorized officer who dispatches a call to request the removal of a vehicle under the authority of this chapter, or the provisions of section [49-662](#), Idaho Code, as the result of an accident, the driver being arrested or extraordinary circumstances, may cause the vehicle to be placed in the custody of a tow truck operator, all expenses of towing and storage to be those of the registered owner, unless the registered owner has filed a release of liability according to the provisions of section [49-526](#), Idaho Code, in which case the purchaser or other transferee recorded on the release of liability statement shall be presumed responsible and liable.

**Extraordinary Circumstances: (d) Impeding any snow removal or other road maintenance operation.**

# Idaho and Post Falls City Codes

## **P.F.M.C. 10.48.010: SNOW REMOVAL: 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.

## **Idaho Code 49-613: Obstruction to drivers view or driving**

3. No vehicle shall be operated when the windshield and/or windows of the vehicle are coated with ice, snow, sleet, or dust to the extent the driver's view ahead, or to the sides or rear of the vehicle are obstructed.

## **P.F.M.C. 13.32.050: CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS:**

E. All garbage and refuse cans shall be placed in a place accessible to the collector; provided that in the case of isolated dwellings or places of business or where reasonable access cannot be had by truck, the cans may be kept in such places as may be agreed upon by the owner and the collector. Provided further, that where there is no alley entrance, such cans shall be placed on the street curb on collection days, but must be removed by the end of the day.



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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