To schedule a program please send a letter of request addressed to:

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Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office
436 Grant Street, Courthouse Room 111
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
ATTN: Crime Prevention

OR

Visit our website’s Crime Prevention page!

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH & BLOCK WATCH
This program is designed to enhance neighborhood security and heighten community cooperation to encourage mutual assistance and concern among neighbors and their police departments. Training includes: Drug Education; Reporting Emergencies; Effective Property Security; Information Gathering for Police; Identifying Cons and Frauds Tactics; Recognizing and reporting unusual and/or suspicious activities and situations.

RAPE PREVENTION
The program provides women with the knowledge to take an active role in their own personal safety. We teach risk education, awareness, reporting procedures, use of a defense weaponry and effective techniques when faced with confrontational situations. This course will enlighten participants to the problems of violence against women, and the options that are available to reduce the risks of becoming a victim.

REALTOR SAFETY
The program will explore ways to empower realtors to take a closer look at their lifestyles and become aware how they can lessen their chances of becoming a victim of a crime. Also, including ways to stay safe while at an open house, in your car showing homes, etc. This is a mental defense course, emphasizing awareness techniques you can use to keep out of harms way.

SEAT BELT SAFETY & EDUCATION
This presentation will help people understand the proper usage of seatbelts and the laws pertaining to seatbelts.

SECURITY SURVEYS
The program illustrates the options available to make your home, apartment or business a safer place to live or work. The security survey describes opportunity-reduction strategies impacting on crimes against property. A home, business or apartment survey includes a questionnaire asking for and providing important crime prevention tips for protecting your home, apartment, or business.

SENIOR SAFETY
This program will explore and help empower senior citizens to take a closer look at their lifestyles and become aware how they can lessen their chances of becoming a victim of a crime. This course can be adapted to fit any particular need of any senior group. Some tips touched upon are: Being alert when out and about; Making sure your home is safe and secure; Watching out for con artists, and; Getting involved with the community.

OTHER PROGRAMS
The Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office is continually adding, updating and revising our programs to meet the needs of our citizens and community. We also welcome and encourage citizens to write us with their comments concerning our programs, and to offer ideas and suggestions as to how we might improve them.
Allegheny County Camp Cadet (One Week) ● ●

Open to boys and girls, Camp Cadet has been around since 2004. The week-long camp is designed to bring a better understanding of law enforcement and other community agencies to the youth that live in Allegheny County. Cadets experience numerous activities and events geared toward building self-esteem, self-discipline and new friendships. www.alleghenycountycampcadet.org

Anti-Bullying ●

Children will learn that they should always treat others the way they want to be treated. Understand how their words and actions can affect others by offering smart strategies to help protect themselves from bullies and advise them not to bully others by giving tips for dealing with bullies.

Apartment Security (60 Mins) ● ●

This program will explore ways to make your apartment a safer place for you and your family, as well as your neighbors. It covers low-cost, affordable suggestions which anyone can easily follow and will assist in the organization of Watch Groups so that neighbors can look out for and help each other.

Auto Theft Prevention ● ●

A car is stolen every 33 seconds in the United States. In many cases, a car theft could have been avoided if the proper precautions had been taken. This program explores ways to help prevent a car theft.

Bicycle Rodeo/Wheel Rally ●

This program will instruct bicyclists through riding skills tests the safest methods of cycling and the proper usage of fitted helmets.

Billy the Talking Bicycle (40 Mins) ●

This program is intended to educate pre-school, kindergarten and first grade students about general safety rules such as pedestrian safety, 911 emergency system, stranger danger and helmet safety. The objective is for the children to have fun and learn basic safety rules.

Carjack Prevention (XXX Mins) ● ●

This program is designed to promote idea’s on how to reduce the risk of being carjacked.

Child Abduction (90 Mins) ●

This program explores ways to prevent a child abduction, describing 31 child abduction prevention tips.

Child Identification Program ● ●

This program is designed to provide vital information to the guardians of children and law enforcement agencies in the event that a child is reported missing, abducted or for identification purposes. It is our goal to work in conjunction with the guardians of children to have pertinent information readily accessible to law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Child Restraint Seat Technician ●

The Sheriff has on staff a certified Tech, which works with several agencies in the field a check points throughout the county. This technician also provides presentations on the proper ways to fit and the usage of child seats.

Cons and Frauds: How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of a Scam (60 Mins) ●

This program can be presented to all grade school aged children. During the presentation children will learn that they should always treat others the way they want to be treated. Understand how their words and actions affect others. The program also offers kids smart strategies to help protect them from bullies and advises them not to bully others by giving tips for dealing with bullies.

Crime Prevention Programs for the Physically Challenged ●

This program will help instruct disabled people to feel less vulnerable to a would be assailant. This informational program teaches disabled people to stay alert and tuned-in to their surroundings. They learn to send a message which promotes a calm and confident manner. Also, we explore ways to make homes safe from intruders, tips on how to plan ahead before going on vacation, and using public transportation. We strongly encourage community involvement.

Crime Prevention Training and Technical Assistance ● ●

This program provides an understanding of opportunity-reduction and its impact on the incidence of crime. The program will illustrate the evaluations of Crime Prevention programs in the Commonwealth, and their potential value and benefit for the police and the community. We also explain opportunity-reduction strategies impacting on crimes against persons and properties, and the state-wide technical assistance network. Each participant will also be given the expertise needed to communicate with the public in an effective manner.

Cyber Bullying ●

This program will help people understand this concept, as well as exploring ways to combat this problem. Whether you’re a victim, bully or bystander, there are steps you can take to stay cyber-safe.

Deputy Friendly ●

This program teaches children that law enforcement officers are friendly and are there to help.

Fatal Vision Program ● ●

This program demonstrates how quickly an impaired driver can turn fun into devastating consequences. The simulator goggles allow participants to experience the visual distortions that result from alcohol or drug impairment. This is a unique tool which we hope will help prevent injuries and save lives.

Firearms Safety ● ●

This program is designed to educate adults about firearms safety rules, firearms for personal security, children and firearms, safe storage, theft prevention, firearms licensing, and the consequences for misuse of a firearm. We stress the philosophy that safety is an attitude that must constantly be practiced and reinforced when dealing with firearms.

Gang Awareness & Prevention Methods ●

Today many communities — maybe even yours — are facing serious problems with gangs. As a member of the community, you may feel helpless against gangs, but there are things that you can do in conjunction with the authorities to prevent or reduce gang problems. And as a parent, there’s a lot that you can do to keep your own children from joining gangs.

Gun Safety with Eddie Eagle (30 Mins) ●

“STOP! DON’T TOUCH, LEAVE THE AREA, TELL AN ADULT.” This program stresses that guns are not toys and need to be handled by experienced, trustworthy and responsible people.

Halloween Safety Tips (30 Mins) ●

This 30 minute program teaches children and their parents the safest ways to go trick or treating, such as proper ways to sort through candy, carrying a flashlight, wearing brightly colored clothing and walking with a grown up.

Home and Business Security (60 Mins) ● ●

This program explores ways to make your home or workplace a safer place. Low-cost, affordable suggestions will be given on door and window security, proper lighting, safety hazards, placement of smoke detectors and general information on how to shop for alarm systems.

How Not to Be a Victim (30-90 Mins) ●

This program empowers people to take a closer look at their lifestyles and become aware how they can lessen their chances of becoming a victim of crime. This instruction can be tailored to fit any demographic by exploring ways to keep safe at home, at work, while shopping, driving and many others. This is not a physical defense course, but rather a mental defense course, emphasizing awareness techniques we can use to keep out of trouble.

How to be “Streetwise” and Safe (60-90 Mins) ●

This program explores ways to empower people to protect themselves and how to join with their neighbors to make their streets safer. The Sheriff’s Office teaches participants 5 basic rules in being street-smart and safe.

How to Teach your Children about Strangers Without Scaring Them - Charlie Check First (45-60 Mins) ●

This 45 to 60 minute parent education program will assist parents on how to talk with their children about strangers in a nonthreatening manner. We have discovered that if you try to educate a student by scaring them, the learned behavior is fear instead of the material you are teaching. The Sheriff’s Office in-school program on this subject will be discussed in detail so that the parents can follow-up at home with their children.

Identity Theft (XXX Mins) ● ●

The information contained in this presentation provides the actions recommended by law Enforcement and the financial industry to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of identity theft.

Internet Safety (XXX Mins) ● ●

While the Internet is an enjoyable source of information, shopping and entertainment, students as well as parents may be unaware of its hidden hazards. This presentation can help with safe Web surfing.

Latchkey Children (60-90 Mins) ●

Parents will receive information the positive/negative experiences associated with leaving children home alone, as well as deciding if your child is ready to be left alone. Children will receive instruction with police, fire and medical rescue personnel. All instruction is presented in a non-threatening and entertaining manner.