



Newsletter

Greetings SAFE Friends & Supporters,

October 2008

October is National Crime Prevention Month

This is a perfect time to take the extra steps in practicing safety awareness. Neighbors that know each other are more likely to watch out for each other and are more likely to report suspicious activities to the police. If you don't already have a Neighborhood Watch group on your block, now is the time to get one started! Make it your goal this October to learn more about personal and property safety, as well as Halloween Safety!



Halloween Safety Tips:

1. Costumes should fit correctly so kids won't trip on them. Wear light-colored costumes so you can be seen easily at night.
2. Kids should not try to Trick or Treat by themselves. They should go with an adult and a group of friends.
3. Map out where you and your friends will be going. Visit only the well-lighted houses.
4. Trick or Treat while it is still light out; always bring a flashlight, it may get dark. Wear a reflective costume or stickers.
5. Pick well-lighted streets. Walk on the sidewalks. Do not take shortcuts or alleys!
6. Only accept candy at a person's front door. Do not go inside of a house or into someone's car.
7. Have a back-up plan in case you get separated from your

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CCOP Safety Seminar

Save the Date for Thursday, November 6th! Castro Community on Patrol (CCOP) is hosting a safety and crime prevention meeting for residents of the Castro, Duboce Triangle, Eureka Valley, Corona Heights & Corbett Heights neighborhoods.

Learn about ways you can volunteer with CCOP and help to prevent crime in these neighborhoods. It's a great way to learn about recent activities and what YOU can do to work with the police and make a difference.

[Meeting Flyer](#)

SAFE is Hiring

SAFE is recruiting for the position of Public Safety Coordinator, whose responsibilities include

group. Carry a cell phone or a walkie-talkie or money for a pay phone, and the number of a trusted adult.

8. Don't eat any candy until you get home. Have an adult check to make sure there are no tricks in your treats! If there is any suspicious candy, contact your local police station.

Click on the link below for more Safety Tips during Crime Prevention Month!

[Click here for Halloween and other Safety Tips](#)

SAFE Neighborhood Watch Block Captain & Leaders Meeting

Do you know what to do when you realize someone has broken into your car? Do you know when to call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency numbers? Can you recognize and effectively report suspicious activities on your block? Learn best-practices in crime prevention and working with your Neighborhood Watch group members and the police at our next Block Captain & Leaders Meeting! Get ready to practice your acting skills - Role-Plays will be introduced!

- Thursday, October 2nd, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Dolores Park Church, 455 Dolores Street @ Dorland
- Arrive early for sandwiches, refreshments and networking
- Free parking at the school lot across the street
- RSVP to SAFEleaders@sfsafe.org or call 553-1968

[- Click Here for Neighborhood Watch Info -](#)

You will hear from Captain Stephen Tacchini of the SFPD's Mission Station, SAFE and other Neighborhood Watch leaders.

Remember, if you have a Neighborhood Watch sign, these meetings are especially important and beneficial to you - - - we highly recommend you remain involved in SAFE & Neighborhood Watch activities for future public safety efforts in your community.

Glen Park Merchants Meeting

Due to recent crimes in the Glen Park neighborhood, and with take-over robberies occurring in the Bay Area, SAFE is hosting a Business Watch and Safety meeting for the merchants of Glen Park. Hear and learn from SAFE's Business Security Specialist, Furlishous Wyatt on the importance of Business Watch and enhancing communication with each other and with the police. Furlishous will also present on personal safety and violence prevention in the workplace, and robbery prevention.

- Monday, October 6th, 7:30 pm
- Chenery Park Restaurant, 683 Chenery Street
- RSVP to SAFE at 553-1984

acting as a liaison to the Asian & Chinese communities and implementing crime prevention services in the Central and Taraval police districts. See [Job Description](#).

Help Keep our Neighborhoods Clean!

Volunteer to clean your local parks, schools and neighborhoods! Keeping our neighborhoods cleaner & greener shows that we care about our communities and will not tolerate crime!

Richmond District:

"Keep our Neighborhood Clean"; Saturday, October 4th; Meet at the Richmond Rec Center. [See Flyer](#)

District 3: Saturday, October 18th; various parks & schools in District 3. [See Flyer](#)

District 3: Gigantic 3 Recycling Program; Saturday, October 18th. [See Flyer](#)

These are great opportunities to meet your neighbors and contribute a more beautiful San Francisco!

- [Click HERE for Flyer](#)

SAFE's Kids & Cops Program is back!

SAFE has partnered with Head Start and recently launched our new series of the *Kids & Cops* program on Thursday September 4th, 2008 at the Argonne Children's Development Center located in the Richmond District. The Argonne Center is a Head Start site, and SAFE plans to implement more *Kids & Cops* programs at other Head Start sites, including Alemany. The program takes place every Thursday for 8 weeks at 10am, concluding on November 13th with a graduation honoring the young participants. SAFE's Child Safety Coordinator, Elly Mayen, is facilitating the program.

Kids & Cops is a literacy-building and safety education program that promotes positive relationships between the kids and the police. During the program sessions, police officers read to (and with) the children and encourage them to learn about safety and community building. The program also implements fun, hands-on activities for all! SAFE wishes to thank the Richmond District Police Officers for their participation and efforts in building relationships with the kids!

Pacific Heights Residents Association

PHRA is building a larger network of neighbors being trained in NERT and SAFE Neighborhood Watch. If you live within the boundaries of, or are a member of, the Pacific Heights Residents Association, come to their Annual Association meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd, 6pm at Sacred Heart, 2222 Broadway. SAFE will be hosting a table for more information on how to be an effective Block Captain... both for NERT and for SAFE Neighborhood Watch groups. Visit their website, <http://www.phra-sf.org/> for more information.

Remember - Neighbors that know each other are more likely to look out for each other, are more likely to observe and report suspicious activities, and are more likely to be prepared and respond to an emergency or disaster.

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--- The Staff and Board of SAFE