



# Sheriff's Citizens Notifications

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**Sign Up today**

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office encourages citizens to become aware and involved in crime prevention. The Sheriff's Citizens Notification is a resource designed to allow you to obtain timely information regarding Sheriff's Office activities, criminal bulletins, and public safety information in the county.

Please visit our web-site at [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org) and sign up for the **Sheriff's Citizen Notification** and help keep our communities safe.

For further information please contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Community Resource Unit at 720-874-3750 or 720-874-4040.

**To report a crime:  
303-795-4711**



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## Report Suspicious Activity: "See It, Hear It, Report It"

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office encourages citizens to report suspicious activity. Suspicious activity can be any person, act, event, vehicle or situation that appears questionable. *Trust your instincts!* If it "just doesn't seem right" to you, that is when you should call the Sheriff's Office.

- **"See it"**-- If you see suspicious activity, report it. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office relies on early and accurate information from citizens in reporting suspicious activity. You and your neighbors can be the first to spot a burglar in or around a home, or a strange car in a driveway. Remember, lighting is considered to be the most cost effective deterrent to crime.
- **"Hear it"**-- Listen for suspicious activity. Unusual sounds or barking dogs can be caused by prowlers or suspicious vehicles. Everyone should get in the habit of looking outside their windows, especially if the noises wake you at night.
- **"Report it"**-- Remember, you are the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Office and your community. Report suspicious activity immediately. Anything that seems slightly out of place or "doesn't look right" could be criminal activity. When calling, be sure to report the reason for your call and the location of the activity.

If you have any questions, contact Deputy Scott Sickafoose at (720) 874-4040, e-mail [ssickafoose@arapahoegov.com](mailto:ssickafoose@arapahoegov.com), or contact Deputy Brian McKnight at (720) 874-3750, e-mail [bmcknight@arapahoegov.com](mailto:bmcknight@arapahoegov.com).

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## *Home Security – Burglary Prevention*

Home security is an important aspect of crime prevention. Burglaries frequently occur during week days when residents are away at work or school. Every home can be a target; however, there are several steps you can take to prevent a burglary, secure your belongings and protect yourself.

### Prevention Tips:

- Always lock doors and windows, even on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Ensure that garage doors are closed, even when you are at home.
- Motion-sensitive lights increase your home's visibility, limiting hiding places.
- Do not leave valuables in open view from the street.
- Remember the 2 Foot, 6 Foot Rule: Trim bushes to a height of 2 feet off the ground and tree limbs to a height of 6 feet off the ground to light up dark spaces and minimize the areas where a burglar could hide.
- Be cognizant of barking dogs, as they may alert on intruders.
- Do not hide house keys in obvious places.
- Use timers on lamps, radios and televisions which can create the impression that someone is at home, even when you are on vacation or out of town.
- Photograph your valuables, especially jewelry and electronics.
- Prepare a list of important items in your home with make, model, serial number and value of the property.
- Keep the lists and photographs in a safe location and update them frequently.
- Be alert for anyone or anything that is suspicious in your neighborhood.
- If you see or hear suspicious activity, report it immediately.
- Talk to your community about starting a Neighborhood Watch program.

Help reduce crime by securing your home. If your home is burglarized report it immediately to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at (303) 795-4711.

If you have any questions or you would like a *free* security assessment of your home, contact:

Deputy Scott Sickafoose at (720) 874-4040 or [ssickafoose@arapahoegov.com](mailto:ssickafoose@arapahoegov.com)

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## Thefts from Vehicles

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office wants to work with you to prevent criminal activity. Thefts from Motor Vehicles are crimes in which, thieves take valuables from parked cars, *usually without stealing the cars*. These crimes can be prevented. Here are some tips that may prevent you from becoming a victim:

- **Always completely roll up your windows and lock your vehicle doors when parked.** Don't be an easy target. Breaking into vehicles quietly takes longer, and smashing a window makes noise, both of which may attract attention.
- **Remove valuables when parking for long periods.** Parking overnight at home or in parking lots for long periods such as at the airport, at sporting events, when out for dinner and a movie are when thieves have the longest opportunity to strike.
- **Hide valuables when parking for short periods.** When parking while running errands, packages and bags with store logos can be inviting targets. Secure them in the trunk or cover them.
- **Put vehicle accessories like handicapped parking placards, GPS units, satellite radios, and radar detectors in the glove box or console when you park the vehicle.** These items are frequent targets for thieves.
- **Whenever possible, park your vehicles in a closed and locked garage.**
  - **If garage parking is not possible, park in your driveway or in a well-lit area.** Consider motion lights aimed at your driveway to deter thieves and provide extra safety as you enter and exit your vehicles at night. Well-lit areas on a street or in a parking lot are better than non-lit or low-lit areas.
- **Lock your vehicle doors and remove personal belongings even when parking in a locked garage.** Thieves know that most people think a garage is a safe place, and therefore will leave their valuables inside unlocked vehicles.
- **Report all suspicious persons and activities to the Sheriff's Office immediately.** People trying door handles, looking into parked cars, etc., should be reported.

For additional crime tips or for more information please contact the Community Resource Unit at 720-874-3892 or go to [www.arapahoesherriff.org](http://www.arapahoesherriff.org).

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## Home Repair Scams

Criminal scams occur at all times of the year but the spring and summer months seem to produce a majority of them. Citizens of Arapahoe County and the Denver metro area have experienced an increase in scams related to unneeded home repairs, roof replacement and driveway surfacing, just to name a few. Beware of this type of criminal activity, as it is often perpetrated by groups or individuals who travel from one community to another – here today, gone tomorrow. However, in their wake they have committed numerous crimes, to include, theft, burglary and fraud.

Home repair scams often occur in daylight hours, in which a suspect will, literally, walk right into someone's home for the purpose of stealing jewelry or money. Very often the victimized homeowner is either in or near the home. If these individuals are caught, they give some kind of excuse as to why they were in the home or on the property. So far, these individuals have not been violent and usually leave the area once they are discovered.

The best way to keep these individuals from victimizing you is to simply keep your home locked, even if you are just working in the yard. Remember, anytime you are outside your home, you cannot possibly see every door that a would-be thief might enter.

Traveling home improvement workers have been known to invade communities throughout the metro-area preying upon unsuspecting homeowners, often times the elderly, going door-to-door offering to pave or seal driveways, replace roofing or other unnecessary home repairs at a very cheap price.

The criminal typically will want payment upfront and prefer cash, but will often times accept a check. The perpetrators of this type of criminal behavior will tell homeowners they have materials left over from a previous job and will give them a discount if they "act now." Most homeowners who hire the scam artists experience shoddy work with substandard materials. Then when the victim tries to contact the workers for a refund or to repair the job in question, the workers are nowhere to be found. Victims will then try to stop payment on the check, but discover it has already been cashed; the name on the check usually is fictitious or belongs to an uninvolved third party.

Homeowners should be suspicious of anyone who knocks on their doors with offers that sound "too good to be true." Homeowners should always check references and go through the Better Business Bureau (BBB) to determine the credibility of the "company." Finally, never pay for work in advance; always pay at the conclusion of the job. *Remember, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.*

If you have any questions regarding crime prevention matters, please contact Deputy Brian McKnight at 720-874-3750 or by email at [bmcknight@arapahoegov.com](mailto:bmcknight@arapahoegov.com) or Deputy Scott Sickafoose at 720-874-4040 or email [ssickafoose@arapahoegov.com](mailto:ssickafoose@arapahoegov.com)

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## *Door-to-Door Solicitors*

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has recently received reports of possible scams involving Door-to-Door Solicitors in your area. Please be aware that although many solicitors are honest, residents need to be aware of those who may also be involved in criminal activity. Currently, there are no specific resolutions or laws governing the specific activities associated with the door to door solicitation of goods or services. The Sheriff's Office recommends that if you have a problem with solicitors in your neighborhood or notice suspicious activity, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- Do not answer the door.
- At no time should you let solicitors into your home.
- If you do allow a solicitor into your home, do not leave them alone, even for a second. Do not allow them to use the restroom and do not leave the room to get your wallet or purse.
- Always request identification and check the validity of their credentials; including a permanent business address and landline telephone number.
- Don't sign anything immediately, even if it seems like you're getting a good deal. Always gather a minimum of three written quotes to make sure the price is as good as the solicitor claims it is.
- If you are unsure whether or not a solicitor is legitimate, ask for identification verifying that they are employed by the company they claim to work for. If they don't have any I.D., don't give them any money and tell them to leave.
- If a solicitor refuses to leave, or becomes irate, shut the door and call 911.
- If you don't feel comfortable giving a solicitor money, **DON'T!** Do not let anyone "guilt" you into giving them money or buying their product.
- Giving credit card information, a check, or personal identifying information could lead to Identity Theft.
- If you've already purchased something from a solicitor and paid by check, but feel uncomfortable with the transaction, cancel the check immediately.
- If you see suspicious activity or need to report a crime, call (303) 795-4711 or 911 for emergencies.



## Emergency Notification Service

Arapahoe County Emergency Communication Services Authority utilizes a state-of-the-art emergency notification system to alert citizens about emergencies. The emergency notification system enables an agency within Arapahoe County to provide essential information quickly in a variety of situations, such as fires, floods, evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods, and other emergencies.

### How Emergency Alerts Work

When a Public Safety Agency within the Arapahoe County Authority area issues a message about a potential safety hazard or concern, messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices (land line, mobile, email, instant messaging, text messaging, PDA, alpha or numeric pager, etc.) that you have registered in the system. The system will continue trying to contact you on these devices until it receives a confirmation from you that the message has been received. Please note that this system will not be used for weather alerts because the timeliness or accuracy of such alerts cannot be guaranteed. There are varieties of other media outlets (TV and radio stations, and weather-related Web sites and alerts) that can provide this service in a timelier manner.

### How to Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Residents and businesses with landline phones are already listed in Arapahoe County's 9-1-1 database, and are therefore automatically included in the notification system. If you would like to register additional voice and text devices, please go to [www.arapahoe911.com](http://www.arapahoe911.com) and find the Citizen Alert button on the main page. This will take you to the opt in web page. All information you provide will be kept strictly confidential.



### How to Stop Receiving Alerts

If you decide that you no longer wish to receive emergency alerts, you can opt out of the city's emergency notification system at any time. You must provide information on all communication devices that you originally registered into the system. If you opt out, your home or business phone will not be contacted, as this information will be deleted from the system. However, every quarter, County 9-1-1 landline information is updated; therefore, the associated telephone numbers will be refreshed within the system. You will need to repeat the opt-out procedure for these numbers.

#### **Disclaimer**

This notice represents the Arapahoe County E 9-1-1 Authority's policy regarding the nature, purpose, use, and sharing of any information collected via this Web site. By signing up, you are giving your permission for Everbridge (formerly 3n) to use your information for the Emergency Notification System. Your information will be consistent with the principles of the Privacy Act, the e-Government act of 2002, and the Federal Records Act. Submitting information is strictly voluntary, and will be used for its intended purpose. The information is not being collected for commercial marketing.



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## Safety Check-Points for Kids

- ☒ **CHECK FIRST** before you go anywhere with anyone (for any reason at any time!) Check with the adult who is in charge of you at the time. If you cannot check, then the answer is NO!
- ☒ Know your full name, address and telephone number.
- ☒ If anyone tries to move or hurt you, make sure you scream, kick, fight and yell, "You're not my dad (or mom)!"
- ☒ If you find a gun, do not touch it. Get away from it and tell someone.
- ☒ Use the power of NO (and Refusal Skills) for bullies, dares, and drugs.
- ☒ When you are on the Internet, keep personal information to yourself! Ask your parent which sites you can visit.
- ☒ Use the Buddy system; go in groups.
- ☒ Tell an adult if you think that something is unsafe, illegal or wrong. It is not snitching – it is Responsible Reporting.

Follow these **"CHECK-POINTS"** AND STAY SAFE!

If you would like more children's safety tips, you can check out the DVD "Be a Safety Kid" from the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit at 720-874-3892 or e-mail Katherine Sparacino at [Ksparacino@co.arapahoe.co.us](mailto:Ksparacino@co.arapahoe.co.us)



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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS IN ARAPAHOE COUNTY

<b>EMERGENCIES</b>	<b>911</b>	Road Maintenance	720-874-ROAD
Non-Emergency	303-795-4711	Traffic Complaint Hotline	720-874-3825
Animal Control	720-874-6750	Tri-County Health	303-220-9200
Coroner's Office	720-874-3625	Victim Assistance	720-874-4038
County Commissioners	303-795-4630	<b>CITY OF CENTENNIAL</b>	
County Court	303-798-4591	Centennial Info Line	303-325-8000
District Attorney	720-874-8500	Animal Control	303-325-8070
Human Services	303-636-1130	Public Works	303-325-8000
Planning Department	720-874-6650	Code Enforcement	303-754-3400
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222	Municipal Court	303-754-3380
Road Conditions	303-639-1111	Planning and Zoning	303-754-3308



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Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.....720-874-3600  
Investigations..... 720-874-4020  
Victim Assistance .....720-874-4038  
Victim Notification .....720-874-3500 Ext.8  
Civil Process..... 720-874-3845  
Coroner's Office.....720-874-3625  
Records ..... 720-874-3875  
Detention Facility..... 720-874-3500  
Human Services .....303-636-1100  
Mental Health .....303-795-6187  
Zoning ..... 720-874-6710  
First Class Towing .....303-841-1869  
District Attorney Office .....720-874-8500  
Traffic Contact Comments ..... 720-874-4170  
NAMI Colo. ...National Alliance on Mental Illness.....303-321-3104  
.....1-800-566-6264  
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