

CRIME PREVENTION merit badge

- 1) Read the Crime Prevention merit badge book and workbook http://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/0/07/Crime_Prevention.pdf Start filling out the workbook with notes for the discussions to make them faster and more productive.
- 2) Requirement #2: Prepare a notebook of newspaper and other clippings that addresses crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.
- 3) Requirement #4: After doing EACH of the following, discuss with your counselor what you have learned.
 - a. Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Learn how to do a crime prevention survey.
 - b. Using the checklist in the merit badge pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family.
- 4) Requirement #5: Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home, at school, in your community, and while traveling.
- 5) Requirement #6: Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:
 - a. Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board.
 - b. With permission from school officials, create a page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's Web site.
 - c. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.
- 6) Requirement #7: Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program in your community such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch, or Crime Stoppers. Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood.
 - b. With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing. Discuss your experience with your counselor.

TRAFFIC SAFETY merit badge

- 1) Read the Traffic Safety merit badge book and workbook http://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/d/da/Traffic_Safety.pdf Start filling out the workbook with notes for the discussions to make them faster and more productive.
- 2) Requirement 5: Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Interview a traffic law enforcement officer in your community to identify what three traffic safety problems the officer is most concerned about. Discuss with your merit badge counselor possible ways to solve one of those problems.
 - b. Using the Internet (with your parent's permission), visit five websites that cover safe driving for teenagers. Then, in a group session with at least three teenagers and your counselor, discuss what you have learned.

- c. Initiate and organize an activity or event to demonstrate the importance of traffic safety.

- d. Accompanied by an adult and a buddy, pick a safe place to observe traffic at a controlled intersection (traffic signal or stop sign) on three separate days and at three different times of the day, for 30 minutes on each visit. At this intersection, survey violations that might occur. These violations could include (but are not limited to) running a red light or stop sign, speeding, using a cell phone while driving, or occupants not wearing their seat belts. Count the number of violations. Record in general terms the approximate age of the people you observed. Keep track of the total number of vehicles observed so that you can determine the percentage of compliance vs. violations. Discuss your findings with your merit badge counselor.