

TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
**CRIME**



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# BE ALERT - PLAY A PART IN CRIME PREVENTION

## BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT PATCH

### Complete four of the following requirements:

- 1) Discuss with your troop each of the "Crime Prevention Is Kid Stuff" rules. With another Brownie Girl Scout, act out a skit about one of the rules.
- 2) Solve the "Find the Crimes Puzzle". Discuss it with your troop. Additional copies are available at the council service center closest to you.
- 3) Discuss with your troop what you should do if a stranger approaches you or if someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- 4) Discuss with your family and two of your friends what you have learned about crime prevention. Solve the Home Security Puzzle.
- 5) Memorize your local police emergency telephone number and post it in your home.

### Troop Leader

In Duval County, call a crime prevention specialist at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, (904) 630-2161.

In Gainesville, call (352) 374-2441.

In Alachua County, call (352) 378-1641.



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## JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT BADGE

### Complete eight of the following requirements:

- 1) Discuss with your troop each of the "Crime Prevention Is Kid Stuff" rules. With another Junior Girl Scout, act out a skit about one of the rules.
- 2) Solve the "Find the Crimes Puzzle". Discuss it with your troop. Additional copies are available at the council service center.
- 3) Discuss with your troop what you should do if a stranger approaches you or if someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- 4) Discuss with your troop why home security is important. Learn how to make your home secure. Conduct a home security inspection of your home. Discuss the results with your family. Learn about operation identification. If possible, engrave your valuables with your parents' Florida driver's license number. Solve the Home Security Puzzle. Additional copies are available at the council service center.
- 5) Invite a representative of your local police department to come and discuss home security and personal safety with your troop, or attend a crime prevention seminar.
- 6) Memorize your local police emergency telephone number. Make a poster with the number on it and post it in a local store.
- 7) Study the ill effects of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco on your body. What are the short and long-term effects of drug abuse, such as securing a job, police record, childbearing, etc.? Pretend that a friend offers you drugs or alcohol. Practice saying "No" in a firm and convincing manner.
- 8) Talk to at least one person who has been the victim of a crime. What precautions if any, could the person have taken to prevent the crime from happening? What effect did the crime have on the person's life?
- 9) Discuss shoplifting with a representative of a local store. How does shoplifting affect you as a consumer?
- 10) Ask your school principal how much money is spent each year on repairing or repainting damage committed by vandals. Make a list of other things that your school could do with the money.

### **Troop Leader**

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## INTEREST PROJECT FOR CADETTE AND SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

### Complete eight of the following requirements:

- 1) Discuss with your troop or group personal crime prevention precautions while in your home and outside of your home. Discuss what you should do if you are ever in a situation where you may be victimized.
- 2) Discuss with your troop why home security is important. Learn how to make your home secure. Conduct a home security inspection of your home. Discuss the results with your family. Learn about operation identification if possible. Engrave your valuables with your parents' Florida driver's license number.
- 3) Invite a representative of your local police department to come and discuss home security and personal safety with your troop, or attend a crime prevention seminar.
- 4) Find out if there is a Neighborhood Watch Program in your community. If there is, find out if there is an active Neighborhood Watch Program in your neighborhood.
- 5) Attend a court hearing in your community. Contact the Court Administrator's Office in your community at least three weeks before you want to visit.
- 6) Discuss shoplifting with a representative of a local store. How does shoplifting affect you as a consumer?
- 7) Learn vacation crime prevention techniques. Pretend you and your family are going on a week long vacation. What steps should you take to give your home a lived-in look?
- 8) Interview a lawyer, police officer, or judge about their careers, education, job description or how they feel about their job. Prepare your questions in advance and report your findings to your troop.
- 9) Talk to at least two people who have been victims of a crime. What precautions, if any, could the person have taken to prevent the crime from happening? Make a report and include what effect the crime had on the person's life.
- 10) Study the ill effects of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco on your body. What are the short and long-term effects of drug abuse, such as securing a job, police record, childbearing, etc.? Pretend that a friend offers you drugs or alcohol. Practice saying "No" in a firm and convincing manner.



If you need information, contact your local police department.

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## VICTIMS AND THEIR SUFFERING

Smitty, manager of Price Right Filling Station, looked up at the lighted clock on the office wall. He saw that it was almost eleven. Closing time.

As he counted the day's receipts, Smitty noticed that a green Mercedes had stopped beside the self-service island. He suspected nothing when he saw a young man wearing a brown leather jacket get out of the car and walk toward the office.

"Can I help you?" Smitty asked.

The young man pulled a pistol from beneath his jacket and used it to point at the cash that lay on Smitty's desk.

"Yea. Put that bread in the bag," the man said. "And stay cool."

Smitty did as he was told.

As the young man reached for the bag of money, Smitty made a grab for the pistol. For a brief moment, the robber and his victim fought for control of the weapon. Suddenly, the gun went off, fell to the floor and slid beneath the desk.

Smitty felt a sharp pain in his stomach and clutched at the spot with both hands. Dazed, he watched the fleeing robber running toward the Mercedes. Then he fell across the desk and passed out.

When he regained consciousness, Smitty slumped into his office chair and reached for the telephone. As he dialed "0," he noticed that his hand was covered with blood. That's MY blood, he thought.

Before he passed out again, he managed to give the telephone operator a description of the Mercedes and the robber.

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By midnight, police had arrested a young man who confessed to the robbery. Detective Roberts assured the booking officer that by early afternoon, the crime lab would be able to wrap up the case after they matched the robber's fingerprints with those found on the pistol that had shot Smitty.



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Three hours later, Mrs. Smith and her two children were still sitting in General Hospital's cold, antiseptic lobby. They waited in stunned silence as surgeons worked at a feverish pace in an upstairs operating room to save Smitty's life. Finally, a doctor dressed in green approached the trio.

"Mrs. Smith?" he asked.

Madeline Smith and her two children stood. "Yes" she replied.

"Your husband's a real fighter." The doctor paused. "We think he's going to make it."

Madeline's arms encircled the shoulders of her son and daughter and drew them to her, protectively. She bowed her head and bit her lower lip. Tears of relief rolled down her cheeks.

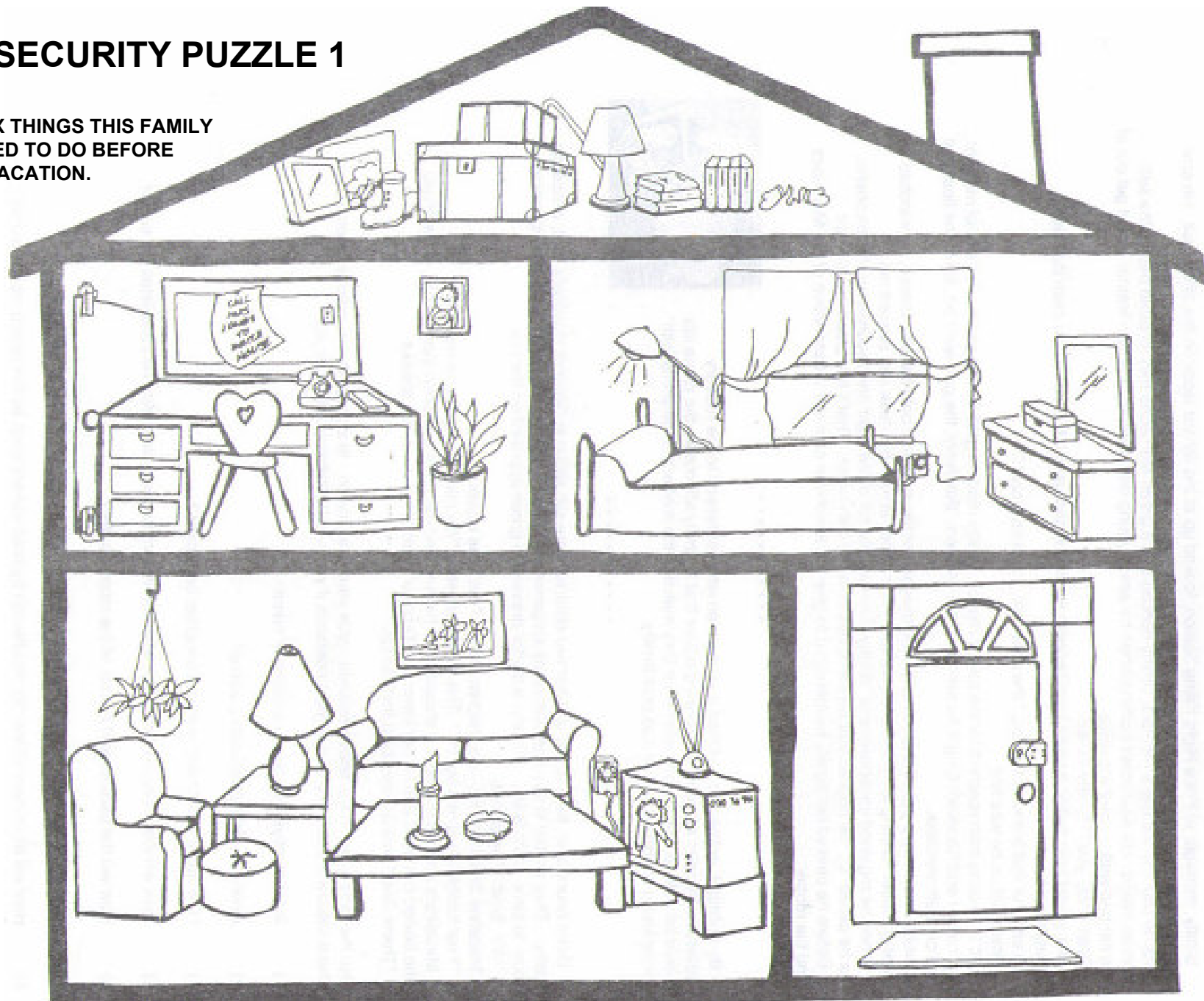
"Thank God," was all she could think to say.

Use the facts given in the above episode - plus your imagination - to answer the questions given below. Use a separate piece of paper or your notebook if you need additional writing space.

- 1) In what ways was Smitty a victim of crime?
- 2) How was Madeline Smith a victim?
- 3) How might the Smiths' son and daughter be victims?
- 4) How will the young robber suffer when he is sent to prison and after he completes his sentence?
- 5) How will the parents and friends of the robber suffer?
- 6) How will taxpayers in Smitty's city be affected?
- 7) How will all citizens of the city be affected by lawbreakers such as the young man who robbed Smitty?

# HOME SECURITY PUZZLE 1

FIND THE SIX THINGS THIS FAMILY  
REMEMBERED TO DO BEFORE  
GOING ON VACATION.



1. To use flush lever bolt locks for inactive door at top and bottom. 2. To notify neighbor to watch house. 3. To hook up lamp to a timer. 4. To hook up TV to a timer. 5. To mark belongings with I.D. 6. To use vertical dead bolt lock for active door.

## HOME SECURITY PUZZLE 2

FIND THE SIX THINGS THIS FAMILY FORGOT TO DO BEFORE GOING ON VACATION.



1. To lock up ladder and bicycle.
2. To notify paper boy so newspapers won't pile up.
3. To notify mailman so that mail won't pile up.
4. To trim shrubbery so burglars can't hide.
5. To close and lock window.
6. To close and lock garage door.



# FIND THE CRIMES PUZZLE

WHAT ARE THE EIGHT CRIMES BEING COMMITTED IN THIS PICTURE?



1. Employee stealing coat.
2. Kid carving initials into tree (vandalism).
3. Kids buying and selling stolen watches.
4. Man stealing TV.
5. Cab driver littering.
6. Burglar breaking into apartment.
7. Woman shoplifting.
8. Man snatching purse.

## **CRIME PREVENTION IS KIDS STUFF**

**YES IT IS! NOTHING IS MORE VALUABLE TO US THAN OUR CHILDREN. SO WHY NOT INSULATE THEM FROM BECOMING THE CRIMINAL'S VICTIM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY APPLYING SOME BASIC - YET VERY PRACTICAL - CRIME PREVENTION RULES WHERE THE YOUNGSTERS ARE CONCERNED.**

- I The old rule about never taking candy from a stranger - is still a good rule - tell them not to take candy, a ride, or even walk with a stranger - tell them why!
- I Tell them not to tell anyone they are home alone - on the telephone or at the door. Teach children never to admit anyone into your home without your permission.
- I Give your child's school instructions only to release your children to people you have designated in writing - in case of emergency.
- I Locate and point out the "Safe House" on your block and along the route to school to your children and explain the meaning of such refuges. Encourage your children to use the same route every day.
- I - Select one or two neighbors who will provide sanctuary for children should any threat or emergency arise while you are away from them. Provide that neighbor with phone numbers where you can usually be reached. Offer to do the same for those neighbors.
- I Instruct children to look out for each other and to tell you when something unusual or suspicious occurs.
- I Report to police any suspicious individuals or vehicles lurking in areas where children play. Obtain license numbers and descriptions whenever possible. Make a game of remembering license numbers - good practice for times when it is really needed.
- I Be prepared to assist a child who appears lost or in trouble. Do not hesitate to notify the police if you think a child needs assistance.
- I Teach your children to come directly home to "check in" before going out to play or to a friend's house, unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.
- I If your child rides her/his bicycle to school, make certain she/he knows and uses the proper rules. Engrave your driver's license number on the bicycle frame and teach her/him to use a lock and chain to secure the bicycle when he/she is not riding it.
- I Crossing guards and school safety patrols are there to protect children - make sure your child knows to obey them.
- I Make a practice of keeping your home and car doors locked - your children will enjoy helping you!

**WANTING TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN IS PART OF LOVING THEM. AWARENESS AND PREVENTION ARE PART OF PROTECTING THEM. LET'S USE OUR KNOWLEDGE TO EXPRESS OUR LOVE!**

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*Adapted from "A Way to Protect Your Family Against Crime", Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1978.*

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# TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME EVALUATION AND BADGE/PATCH ORDER FORM

To order badges/patches, complete this form and bring or mail to:  
GIRL SCOUTS OF GATEWAY COUNCIL, INC.  
1000 Shearer Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32205-6055

TROOP #: \_\_\_\_\_ LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (County) (Zip)

Which requirements taught you the most?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

What activities did you enjoy?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

If this patch program is revised, what are your suggestions?

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What "helpful hints" do you have for other troops planning to do this program?

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If other badge/patch programs are developed, what topics would you be interested in?

<p><b>Payment needs to accompany order.</b></p> <p>Number of patches X \$1.00 <span style="float: right;">\$</span></p> <p>Plus sales tax (7%)</p> <p>*Plus postage if order to be mailed <span style="float: right;">\$</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b> <span style="float: right;">\$ -----</span></p> <p><b>*Postage: Under \$25.00...5.90, \$25 to 49.99...7.25, \$50 to 74.99...8.50, \$75 to 99.99...10.00, \$100 to 149.99...11.50, Over \$150.00...13.00</b></p>