



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS



## CLACKAMAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**What Neighborhood Watch is:** A crime prevention program that encourages Neighbors to get to know each other and their routines so that any out of place activities can be observed and recognized for what they are, then reported and investigated if necessary.

**What Neighborhood Watch is not:** A program designed for Participants to undertake personal risks to deter crime.

**SPECIAL NOTICE!** Neighborhood Watch Captain Training, Wednesday, September 22, 2004 7:00 pm at the Public Safety Training Center, Room 110, 12700 SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Clackamas

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### A Safety Tip from your Sheriff's Office:

*Don't ruin a vacation, hiking or biking trip! Leave any valuables that you don't need at home. The bad guys know that when you go to a trail head or lake you probably put your wallets, cameras and other valuables in your trunk that you don't want to lose while on the trail. You might have thought it was a safe place. Every year many cars are broken into parked in these areas just to steal the stuff that's in the trunk! Identity thieves find credit cards, checkbooks, and other info about you, as well as anything else of value. If you don't think you can carry it with you, leave it at home.*

To receive further information or join the Neighborhood Watch program contact:

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Website: [www.clackamas.or.us/sheriff](http://www.clackamas.or.us/sheriff)

### Key Phone Numbers for Your Home:

**Emergency: 911**

**Sheriff's 24 hour Non-Emergency: (503) 655-8211**

**Watch Capt:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Doctor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



Saturday  
 October 2, 2004  
 10 am to 3 pm  
 Public Safety  
 Training Center  
 12700 SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
 Clackamas

It's **FREE!**

PEDESTRIAN VS AUTO: WHAT'S THE LAW

Oregon Revised Statutes 811.005 through 811.060 covers the laws pertaining to pedestrians. If you are the driver of a car you are required to stop for a pedestrian if the pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk (at an intersection, for example) and is in your lane or a lane adjacent to your lane. This law applies even when there is no traffic control device in place or operation.

You cannot come from behind and pass a car that is stopped for a pedestrian who is crossing the roadway.

You cannot make a right turn at a red light when allowed if there is a pedestrian 'in the adjacent crosswalk', which means anyplace in the crosswalk. You have to wait for the crosswalk to be empty before you can turn right.

These are Class B Violations, with a possible fine of \$237.00.

If you hit and injure a pedestrian when the pedestrian had the right of way, you may be charged with Vehicular Assault, which is a Class A Misdemeanor, with a potential for one year in Jail.

NHW SUCCESS STORY

We want to hear your success stories to share with others. What have you done in your neighborhood that you are proud of? Let us know!!

The NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS is presented to you quarterly by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Citizen Volunteer Auxiliary/Neighborhood Watch Program. To learn more about volunteering for the Sheriff's Office, go to [www.volunteerhere.com](http://www.volunteerhere.com) and look up the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

NEW SCHOOL ZONE LAW IN OREGON

Oregon Revised Statute 801.462 gives the new definition of school zones. It is not as confusing as it may seem.

A school zone is a segment of roadway adjacent to school grounds or a crosswalk not adjacent to school grounds that are clearly marked with approved signs (see diagram below).

There are three basic categories of school zone that you need to look out for.

**Category A** are those school zones where the speed is **30 mph or less** and the school zone is marked with the signs shown below. These are 20 mph at all times of day and night.

**Category B** are for school zones where the speed limit is **35 mph and above** and adjacent to school grounds. There will be the same SCHOOL & SPEED 20 signs that you normally see, but there will be one of two other signs present. The first may be WHEN FLASHING. This means if there are yellow flashing lights, the speed is 20 mph. The second sign is SCHOOL DAYS with hours posted. If it is between the hours shown on the sign, the speed is 20 mph.

**Category C** are for **crosswalks not adjacent to school grounds**, but are marked SCHOOL & SPEED 20 like they are now, but this time there are 3 options for signs. The first two, WHEN FLASHING or SCHOOL DAYS with the times shown, are the same as Category B above. But this one also says WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT. This means physically present in the crosswalk, waiting to cross or walking towards the crosswalk on the adjacent sidewalk or roadway. If you can see the crosswalk and children, they are present!

The penalties for violating this are very stiff and are double in school zones. A large number of people who speed in the school zones are parents bringing their kids to school. All of us need to learn this law and slow down!

| NEW SCHOOL ZONE LAWS TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2004 |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Category A                                    | Category B                                      | Category C                                  |
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| 30 MPH or less<br>Adjacent to school grounds  | 35 MPH or greater<br>Adjacent to school grounds | Crosswalk<br>Non-adjacent to school grounds |