

Community Partnership Connection



October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month!

The internet is an unlimited source of information, resources and enjoyment. But not everyone on the internet is looking out for your best interests. October marks the 8th annual **National Cyber Security Awareness Month** sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security. You can do your part by learning what you can do to keep you and your family cyber safe.

Take a moment to review all thirty tips listed below, at www.washoesherriff.com/cyber_tips.php?id=viewall. You can also receive daily tips and stay informed on all Washoe County Sheriff's Office issues by following us on Twitter.

Keep your computer protected with basic anti-virus protection.

Know terms such as pharming and phishing to prevent internet fraud.

Make sure your computer is configured securely.

Counterfeit cashier's checks

Debt elimination fraud

Employment/Business fraud

Minimizing risk of identity theft

What to do if you become a victim of identity theft.

Investment Fraud

Nigerian Letter or "419" fraud.

Ponzi and Pyramid schemes

Third party receiver of funds fraud

Online gaming tips for children

Protecting your Children against Cyberbullying

Internet Safety Tips for Parents

Don't use the same user ID and password combinations across all systems and websites.

If given the choice, never allow an online business to store your financial information.

Auction fraud

Credit card fraud

UPS and DHL fraud

Escrow Services Fraud

Stay alert for signs of identity theft

Internet Extortion

Lottery Fraud

Phishing and Spoofing

Reshipping fraud

Online gaming tips for parents

Choose strong passwords and keep them safe

Tips to Prevent Teen Sexting

Internet Safety Tips for Children

Spotlight on...The Northern Nevada Cyber Center



The Northern Nevada Cyber Center investigates technology crimes, including cyber-based terrorism, computer intrusion, internet crimes against children and cyber frauds. The Center gathers and shares information and intelligence with our public and private sector partners to protect the residents of Washoe County.

This specialized team of highly trained investigators includes members from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Attorney General's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, DHS Homeland Security Investigations, Identity Theft Task Force, Innocent Images Task Force, and the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force.

GRAFFITI CLEANUP DAY ON OCTOBER 8TH – CITIZENS FIGHT BACK

Fifty-six hard-working volunteers of all ages cleaned over 300 sites of graffiti vandalism throughout the Sun Valley community during the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Graffiti Cleanup Day on October 8. Sherwin-Williams brought 75 gallons of paint, buckets full of supplies and nearly a dozen volunteers. Additional support was provided by the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse on Oddie Boulevard in Sparks, Waste Management, the Reno Police Department and the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.

The Sun Valley graffiti cleanup is part of a Sheriff's Office initiative to step up anti-graffiti efforts in Washoe County. Undersheriff Todd Vinger has invited numerous stakeholder groups and agencies to join a collaborative, community-wide effort that emphasizes tough enforcement of anti-graffiti laws, persistent abatement of graffiti vandalism and the need to engage residents, neighborhoods, businesses and schools as partners in this effort to reverse increasing graffiti trends.

Volunteer cleanups like the one held in Sun Valley are one good way for the public to get involved with efforts to reduce the damage done by graffiti vandals. For information on how to help anti-graffiti efforts in Washoe County, along with instructions on how to report acts of graffiti vandalism, visit www.washoesheriff.com and click on "graffiti."



“Trick or Treat!”...the anthem shouted with delight by many children on Halloween night. It’s the time of year for costumes, sweets, tricks and treats. But ghosts, vampires and monsters aren’t the only things to be wary of this Halloween. Accidents and unfortunate mishaps increase dramatically on All Hallows’ Eve. To keep it fun and avoid potential hazards and dangers, follow the precautions below to keep children safe while out trick-or-treating.

- Always trick or treat with an adult. Don’t allow a child to go outside alone.
- Accompany children to the door of every house they approach.
- Stay outside. Do not enter a home or apartment without adult supervision.
- Children should not approach any vehicle, occupied or not.
- Remain visible. Wear bright clothing or use reflective strips on costumes. Carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations. Look both ways before crossing, walk on sidewalks, and obey traffic signals and stop signs. Always walk; never run across streets or lawns.
- Trick or Treat at friendly homes. Children should be warned to never approach a house that is not well lit and does not have a porch light or outside light on.
- Do not go onto property’s that are marked “Keep Out”, “No Trespassing”, and “No Solicitors Allowed”.
- Never eat any candy until an adult checks it. Dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or isn’t wrapped.
- Children should immediately report to their parents and/or law enforcement if they see or experience anything suspicious. Instruct children to shout for help and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them into involuntary situations.
- A great alternative to trick or treating is for parents to attend community trick or treat events or organize at-home parties.



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Partnership with our
Community*

Prescription Round-Up October 29th!

On October 29th from 10am to 2pm, the Sheriff's Office and DEA will give the public an opportunity to get rid of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. You can bring your medications for disposal to:

- ★ **SaveMart at 9750 Pyramid Hwy, Sparks**
- ★ **Raley's at 18144 Wedge Pkwy, Reno**



Photo by Mike Beeman

10 Tips for Safe Winter Hiking

1. **Dress like an onion.** Be sure to dress in layers. Since temperatures vary from the trailhead to the summit, a variety of insulating clothing will help you regulate your body temperature.
2. **Start small and start early.** Be prepared for the distance and difficulty of the trail. The sun sets earlier in winter months so plan to be off the trail before dark. Keep in mind an injury or accident could happen any time due to terrain. Have a plan if you do get injured.
3. **Bring safety gear.** Aside from basic hiking gear, be sure to include a few basic items such as GPS/compass, pocket knife or mini tool, first aid kit, and rain poncho.
4. **Check the weather.** Look at precipitation, wind speed, avalanche reports and daylight hours.
5. **Learn to use crampons.** If the trail is icy, crampons can make the difference in preventing injury. If you are new to crampons, try them on easier trails first.
6. **Take an experienced friend.** Hiking with friends is always the way to go, especially in winter. Not only is it more fun, but also safer to be with a group.
7. **Water, water, water.** It is essential to bring plenty of water when hiking in the winter, as dehydration is a common problem.
8. **Invest in good gear.** There are some basics every hiker should have: crampons or snowshoes, waterproof /resistant pants and jacket, knee-high gaiters, waterproof/resistant boots, a lightweight backpack, and sunglasses.
9. **Be prepared to turn around.** Legendary mountaineer Ed Viesturs once said "getting to the top is optional, getting down is mandatory." Don't hesitate to turn around if you run into conditions that look dangerous.
10. **Treat yourself to a great meal.** Lastly, be sure to reward yourself when you come off the trails for a job well-done!

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