

Community Connection



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Stay Connected, Stay Safe

Store closures and social distancing have created a larger presence in the online world. Whether you are distance learning, working remotely, or shopping online, stay safe while staying connected.

Keep the Following in Mind:

- Secure your internet connection by requiring a password to join the Wi-Fi network.
- Create strong passwords with upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Confirm virtual meeting information and require attendees be let in by the host.
- Distance learning should be completed in open areas to allow for adult supervision.
- Discuss cybersecurity and making safe choices online with your children.
- Make online purchases through secure sites; avoid storing payment information online.
- Try using your mobile hotspot when using the internet in public.

For more information on cybersecurity, visit consumer.ftc.gov/topics/online-security and consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online

Community Update

CRIME TREND: VANDALISM

Vandalism is maliciously damaging, destroying, or defacing property of another person. It includes spray painting property (wall, car, mailbox, street sign, etc.), tire slashing, breaking windows, defacing public property, and more. From January through July 2020, 476 incidents of vandalism were reported in Garden Grove.



If you notice vandalism in your neighborhood or around a business, take action:

- Report all vandalism to (714) 741-5704. If the crime is in progress, call 9-1-1.
- Clean up vandalism as soon as possible after it has been reported. Replace signs and equipment and paint over graffiti. Removing vandalism restores the appearance and functionality of the community.
- Protect your home and business by using good lighting and locking all gates and garages.
- Park your vehicle in well-lit areas.
- Instill the importance of having a safe community by discussing the consequences of vandalism with your family, friends, and neighbors.
- Participate in the Garden Grove Graffiti Reward Program.

Here are three ways to report graffiti on public property:

1. Call the Graffiti Hotline at (714) 741-5381.
2. Report it online at ggcity.org/citizen-requests.
3. Submit a citizen request on the Garden Grove mobile application under Online Services.

**Take a stand against vandalism.
Take back your community.**

Garden Grove Police Department Virtual Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Liaison Division remains committed to serving the community by offering virtual crime prevention programs. Although we are unable to meet in-person, we encourage residents to stay engaged to keep themselves and our communities safe.

The following programs will be offered virtually:

Community Programs

- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety
- Traffic Safety
- Bike/Pedestrian Safety
- Car Seat Safety

Youth Programs

- Junior Neighborhood Watch
- Officer Friendly
- Child Safety & Stranger Danger
- Internet Safety
- Anti-Bullying
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Making Healthy Choices

To Connect With Us

Community Liaison Division
Email:

crimeprevention@ggcity.org

Community Liaison Division
Numbers:

(714) 741-5760 General Inquiries
(714) 741-5761 East
(714) 741-5762 West, Spanish
(714) 741-5763 Vietnamese
(714) 741-5592 Korean

Emergency:

9-1-1

Report a Non-Emergency Crime:

(714) 741-5704

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If there was an emergency right now, would you or your family know what to do? Plan ahead for disasters and emergencies such as fires, earthquakes, floods, and power outages. Being prepared can reduce fear, panic, and anxiety.

- Discuss with your family what to do in case of an emergency.
- Prepare and maintain an emergency kit ready with food, water, and enough supplies to last at least 72 hours.
- Replace expired food and keep your emergency kit in a cool, dry, and easily accessible location.
- Prepare kits for multiple locations, such as your home, car, school, and workplace.
- Consider the unique needs of each family member, i.e., those with medical conditions, special needs, seniors, and pets.
- Scan and save important documents in your hard drive or email them to yourself. Keep the original documents in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box.
- Learn how to manually shut off utilities and have the appropriate tools.
- Learn first aid and CPR.

For additional resources on emergency preparedness, visit ggcity.org/police/community-liaison-division



Join the Garden Grove Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to learn about emergency preparedness, first aid & CPR, and fire control. CERT members are volunteers who are trained to help their family, neighbors, and community in the event of a major disaster.

Learn how you can get involved by visiting ggcity.org/cert

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