

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
Monthly Newsletter for the Durham Community
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Gun Laws

Carrying concealed weapons

If you own a firearm and intentionally conceal it while you are not on your own premise, and you do not have a concealed weapon permit, you are guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

The punishment for a Class 2 misdemeanor is more than thirty (30) days but not more than six months imprisonment.

Possession of a stolen firearm

If you are in possession of stolen firearm, and you had reasonable grounds to believe it to be stolen, you are guilty of a Class H felony.

The punishment for a Class H felony is ten years imprisonment or fine, or both.

PSN Partner Spotlight: Project BUILD

Project BUILD is designed to serve as a catalyst for positive growth, development and change in the Durham community. The program enhances young lives by directly linking them to educational and employment resources, mentors, pro-social role modeling, and encouragement all in an effort to decrease negative activity and increase productivity. The staff works with youth between the ages of 14-21 who are gang members or potential gang members.

The project functions under the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. This model remains one of the few approaches to gangs that encompasses a multidisciplinary response to gangs on multiple levels. Prevention, intervention, and suppression have been shown to offer a reduction in serious gang-related crimes in gang affected communities.

For more information about Project BUILD, please contact Dr. Kedrick Lowery at 919/560-0537.

ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Violence in Your Community:

As a citizen, become familiar with our community's Gang Reduction Strategies. These recommended strategies are connected to the safety of your family and your neighborhood.

By understanding the forty-five recommendations community members can achieve greater awareness about the issues being addressed by Durham officials and become empowered to advocate for those services that will ensure their personal safety. Durham is YOUR city; learn what is taking place around you and become an active part of the solution.

Durham's Gang Reduction Strategies can be found at www.durhampolice.com/news/pdf/071220_1.pdf beginning on Page 142 of the document.

Pointers for Parents: Five Things to Teach Children

1. Never go anywhere with (or open the door to) someone you or your parents don't know and trust. If someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
2. Don't use alcohol or other drugs, and stay away from people and places associated with them.
3. Stick with friends who are against violence and drugs, and stay away from known trouble spots.
4. Get involved to make school safer and better – conduct a poster contest against violence, hold anti-drug rallies, counsel peers, settle disputes peacefully. If there is no program, help start one!
5. Help younger children learn to avoid being crime victims. Set a good example, and volunteer to help with community efforts to stop crime.

PSN In Your Neighborhood:

Durham Home Ownership Workshop – June 11

PAC 4 Meeting - June 13

Juneteenth Celebration and Unity March – June 20

DPD District 1 Open House – June 27

Do you need help with an organization or community presentation regarding gun crime and violence? Call the Project Safe Neighborhoods Office at 560-4438 x29230.