

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

North Carolina law defines the concealed carry of a handgun as "on or about the person." Our courts have construed this to also mean weapons that are stored within easy access.

Concealed handguns are not allowed within:

- state or federal property
- educational property
- areas of public assemblies (such as parades)
- financial institutions
- areas where alcohol is sold and consumed
- law enforcement agencies or correctional facilities
- premises with signs posted prohibiting them
- cities and towns where a Display Ban is in effect

Concealed guns cannot be legally stored in places such as: under a car seat, in a glove box, in a bag in the back seat, or on a car seat with a coat laid over it.

A concealed handgun can be legally carried, and a Concealed Handgun permit is not necessary, in places such as:

- private property where you have permission of the owner
- rural areas where open carry is permitted
- in plain view on a car seat

Concealed Handgun Permits are available through the Durham County Sheriff's Office.

Spotlight Initiative: Gun Crime Review

The Gun Crime Review Team meets monthly to examine all arrests involving possession of a firearm. A team of law enforcement officers and prosecutors determine the best venue for prosecution of each case. Agencies participating in the initiative are the Durham Police Department, the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, North Carolina Department of Corrections, North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Durham County District Attorney's Office, and the United States Attorney's Office – Middle District of North Carolina.

Approximately thirty (30) cases are reviewed each month. Details of reviewed gun cases are posted on the PSN website at <http://durhampolice.com/psn>.

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

Advocate for education programs concerning tolerance, conflict resolution, drug avoidance, gang resistance, violence prevention, and media literacy at your child's school. (from The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence)

Pointers for Parent:

Here are some talking points for parents to use in discussions with their children about gangs:

Good Groups vs. Bad Groups

"Good groups get together to do good or positive things like sports teams, Scouts, or youth groups."

Gangs Break Laws

"Gang members damage property, steal, carry illegal weapons, and hurt other people. Doing any of these things can get you arrested."

Dangerous Membership

"Gang members may say they are your 'family' and that they 'love' you. But if you break their rules or don't do what they say, they may hurt or kill you."

PSN in Your Neighborhood

December 11: Presentation to PAC-5

War Toys for Peace Toys Exchange

December 13: Presentation to PAC-4

December 20: Presentation to PAC-1

Do you need help with an organization or community presentation regarding gun crime and violence? Call the Project Safe Neighborhoods Office at 560-4335 x243.