



BE A FORCE

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS



The purpose of this bulletin is to make the citizens aware of crime issues that develop in any community. Please read this bulletin, as it is to help inform and protect you.

“A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn’t climb over it” ~ Jane Austen

What classifies as a nuisance in accordance to 80-10-2 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinance?

Residential and commercial properties in the City of Milwaukee are subject to the 80-10 Chronic Nuisance ordinance. The listed includes, but is not limited to, loud music, loitering, harassment, disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, prostitution, and illegal drug activity.

When is it determined that a property will become a nuisance property?

A property becomes a nuisance property when the Milwaukee Police Department concludes that there have been three (3) or more nuisance activities at that property in a 30-day time period or two-drug dealing, firearms, or other serious crimes within a one-year time frame. Only one nuisance call within a 24-hour time frame is counted as a nuisance call.

The Milwaukee Police Department will notify the owner of the property that they are to required to submit a plan to cease such nuisance activities. If the owner fails to respond to such notification or fails to carry out the approved plan of action, the costs of future contact with the Milwaukee Police Department in relation to nuisance activities, will be applied by the Department of Neighborhood Services to the taxes for said property. The property owner could also received citations for up to \$3211 per nuisance activity after the owner is billed three times for police contact due to future nuisance activities.

What to do when reporting a nuisance property?

- Call the **NON-EMGERNCY** number (414-933-4444 - Choose Option 9)
- Provide the address of the nuisance activity. **DO NOT** give your address unless you are calling to say that you are the nuisance property. Calls are logged via the address given.
- Provide a description of what nuisance is. If it is a vehicle, give a description and, if possible, obtain a plate number.
- Provide the owner’s information if you know it.
- Provide a call back number should the squads calling or going to the location need to get further information from you. You can be anonymous when reporting nuisance activity.

Additional Information:

- Do not assume your neighbor called the police.
- Do not announce you are going to call police.
- All calls made to the Milwaukee Police Department are documented.
- The Milwaukee Police Department can also request that landlords submit a list of all tenants name and other information for any property.