



**CRIME PREVENTION MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK**

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the *2020 Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the Crime Prevention merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity (online or in-person).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/crime-prevention/>

Scout's Name:

**REQUIREMENT 1:** Discuss the role and value of laws in society with regard to crime and crime prevention. Include in your discussion the definitions of "crime" and "crime prevention."

**REQUIREMENT 2:** Prepare a journal from various sources that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.

**REQUIREMENT 3:** Discuss the following with your counselor:



**REQUIREMENT 3A:** The role of citizens, including youth, in crime prevention.

**REQUIREMENT 3B:** Gangs and their impact on the community.

**REQUIREMENT 3C:** When and how to report a crime.

**REQUIREMENT 4:** After doing EACH of the following, discuss with your counselor what you have learned.



**REQUIREMENT 4A:** Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Learn how to do a crime prevention survey.

**REQUIREMENT 4B:** Using the checklist in this pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family.

**REQUIREMENT 5:** Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home, at school, in your community, and while traveling.

**REQUIREMENT 6:** Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:



**REQUIREMENT 6A:** Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board.

**REQUIREMENT 6B:** With permission from school officials, create a page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's website.

**REQUIREMENT 6C:** Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.

**REQUIREMENT 7:** Do ONE of the following:



**REQUIREMENT 7A:** Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program in your community such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch, or Crime Stoppers. Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood.

**REQUIREMENT 7B:** With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing. Discuss your experience with your counselor.

**REQUIREMENT 8:** Discuss the following with your counselor:

**REQUIREMENT 8A:** How drug abuse awareness programs help prevent crime.



**REQUIREMENT 8B:** Why alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana are sometimes called "gateway drugs" and how gateway drugs can lead to the use of other drugs.

**REQUIREMENT 8C:** The potential consequences from the misuse of prescription drugs.

**REQUIREMENT 8D:** How the illegal sale and use of drugs lead to other crimes.

**REQUIREMENT 8E:** Three resources in your city where a person with a drug problem or drug-related problem can go for help.



**REQUIREMENT 8F:** How to recognize child abuse.

**REQUIREMENT 8G:** The three R's of Youth Protection.

**REQUIREMENT 9:** Discuss the following with your counselor:

**REQUIREMENT 9A:** The role of a sheriff's or police department in crime prevention.



**REQUIREMENT 9B:** The purpose and operation of agencies in your community that help law enforcement personnel prevent crime, and how those agencies function during emergency situations.

**REQUIREMENT 9C:** Explain the role private security plays in crime prevention.

**REQUIREMENT 9D:** Choose a career in the crime prevention or security industry that interests you. Describe the level of education required and responsibilities of a person in that position. Tell why this position interests you.