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IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

A weekly update for residents, visitors, and workers in the District of Columbia



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REMINDER: SUMMER CURFEW HOURS IN EFFECT

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It is very important for parents to supervise and monitor their children. One way to keep them safe is to make note of DC's curfew. Parents should take the appropriate measures to ensure their children are obeying the established curfew.

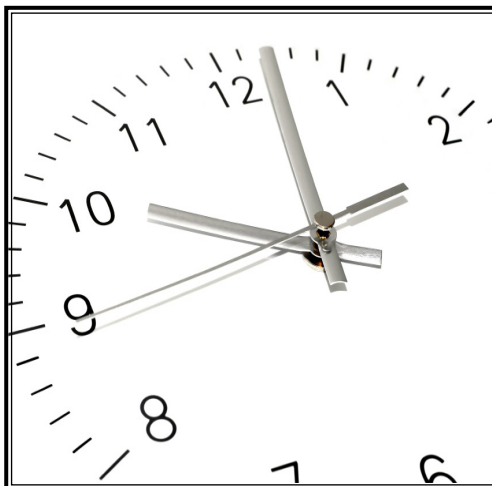
The Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995 (DC Code 2-1541 et. seq.) states that persons under the age of 17 cannot remain in or on a street, park or other outdoor public place, in a vehicle or on the premises of any establishment within the District of Columbia during curfew hours, unless they are involved in certain exempted activities. Both the parents and children get penalized for violating the law. For example, a parent or legal guardian of a juvenile under the age of 17 commits an offense if he or she knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows, the minor to violate the curfew law. Any adult who violates the Juvenile Curfew Act is subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or community service. A minor who violates curfew may be ordered to perform up to 25 hours of community service.

The curfew hours in DC during the months of July and August only are 12:01 am to 6 am, seven days a week. During the months of September through June curfew begins at 11 pm on Sunday through Thursday nights, and continues until 6 am the following day, and runs from Midnight until 6 am on weekends.

Kids under the age of 17 may be exempt from curfew if they are:

- accompanied by their parent or guardian,
- involved in an emergency,
- attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity sponsored by the District of Columbia, a civic organization, or other similar group that takes responsibility for the juvenile (this includes traveling to and from the activity).
- working or returning home from a job.
- exercising their First Amendment rights protected by the US Constitution such as the freedom of speech, religion, and the right to assembly.

There are many alternatives to being on the streets such as educational, social, recreational, and counseling programs. There are a lot of summer positions for youths at the Department of Parks and Recreation for more information go to <http://dpr.dc.gov>. For more programs, call the District's **Answers Please! Helpline** at (202) INFO-211 (463-6211) or online at answersplease.dc.gov.



» Get more information about DC Curfew at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/curfew>

CONSIDER A CAREER AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE MPD

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is focused on building a crime-fighting partnership with the community, and developing our own promise and potential as a department. Police work requires a certain type of individual — one who has strong interpersonal skills and the motivation to work with our partners to help build strong, safe and healthy communities throughout the District of Columbia.

The MPD has a rolling admissions process. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply online and will be notified within 24 hours if they have been selected to attend a New Candidate Orientation, the next step in the police officer selection process.. The MPD expects to hire over 200 officers over the course the next year. Individuals interested in joining the MPD should go online to apply and to get complete details on the police officer selection process.

MPD offers a great starting salary and benefits and has opportunities for advancement through our competitive promotional process. If you choose the Metropolitan Police Department, you will learn hands-on from some of the best public safety professionals in the country and get a chance to make a difference.

- » For more information on becoming a police officer in the MPD visit the police recruiting website at:
<http://dcpolicejobs.dc.gov>
- » Think you have what it takes? Check out the MPD's Physical Ability Test Video to see what's required:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/multimedia/physical-ability-test-video>
- » The MPD is looking for volunteers to join the MPD's Reserve Corps, which provides qualified civic-minded individuals with the opportunity to assist the MPD in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Details on the Reserve Corps and other volunteer programs are available at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/volunteer-opportunities-mpdc>

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? HELP KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE AND SECURE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

Burglars can strike at almost any time and on almost any target. But burglars particularly like targets that look vulnerable. So if you're traveling this summer, make sure you take a few minutes to plan how to help keep your home and your possessions secure while you're away. The primary goal is to make your home look "lived in" (almost all burglars prefer homes where residents clearly aren't home). That means arranging to have your newspaper deliveries stopped and your mail collected by a trusted neighbor. If you're going to be away for a couple of weeks, it may be a good idea to have someone mow your lawn. It's probably best not to put your garbage cans out for pickup—or, alternatively, arrange to have a neighbor take in your can after the collection date. Empty trash cans left at the curb or in an alley for several days can be a sure-fire sign that no one is home. Inside, set timers to turn on lights—as well as radio or television sets—in various rooms at various times of the day. And don't change your voice mail message or your email reply to indicate that you are "out of town."

- » Learn more burglary prevention tips that you can use throughout the year at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/burglary>

NEWS & NOTES

Also Noteworthy

National Night Out Set for Tuesday, August 6. From community cookouts to open houses — block parties, candlelight vigils and athletic events — DC is gearing up for the 30th annual celebration of "America's Night Out Against Crime." The citywide kickoff will begin at 6 pm at Sursum Corda in the First

Police District. Public safety characters McGruff the Crime Dog® and the National Knight® will be available to meet attendees and have their photos taken. Learn more at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/nno>.

Preventing terrorism is everybody's business. If you SEE something, SAY something. Call the MPD at (202) 727-9099 to report suspicious activity that has already occurred. Call 911 to report in-progress

threats or emergencies. Learn how you can help fight terrorism at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/operationTIPP>.

Report Crimes Against Children through the CyberTipline. The CyberTipline is a Congressionally-mandated means for reporting crimes against children. Report crimes 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling **1-800-843-5678** or reporting crimes online at <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

Information, ideas, or comments about this service?

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