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CrimeReports.com– Now You Can Know About Crime Around You

The Sheriff’s Office has introduced a new online service that allows anyone to see where crimes have been reported in the county.

To provide the service, the Sheriff’s Office has subscribed to CrimeReports.com. The Sheriff’s Office feeds reports that it has taken to CrimeReports.com which maps the reports and allows the public to view the information on it’s website.

CrimeReports.com has a very easy interface to use. Go to <http://sheriff.snoco.org>. Enter your address in the box at the top then press “Get Report.” You are taken to your address with symbols showing where crime has occurred around you.

You will see reports of theft, breaking and entering, car theft, theft from a car, robbery, assault, sexual assault, and more.

You can see crimes, within a time frame from 3 – 30 days, prior to the current date. You can also see all crimes or select certain crimes to track.

The website uses Google Maps to plot the activity so you can zoom in for a closer look or zoom out for a wider look. You can also view the information in map view or in satellite view.

If you click on the “Analytics” tab, you will see three charts showing the Number of Crimes, Crime as a Percentage of Total Crime and Crime Trends for the jurisdiction that you choose.

By checking this information online, you can be more aware of crime (or the lack of crime) around you. You can be sure that you are taking appropriate prevention measures. If you see that you are having problems in your neighborhood, you can initiate action along with your neighbors and the Sheriff’s Office to reduce crime in your neighborhood.





CrimeReports.com– How to Use

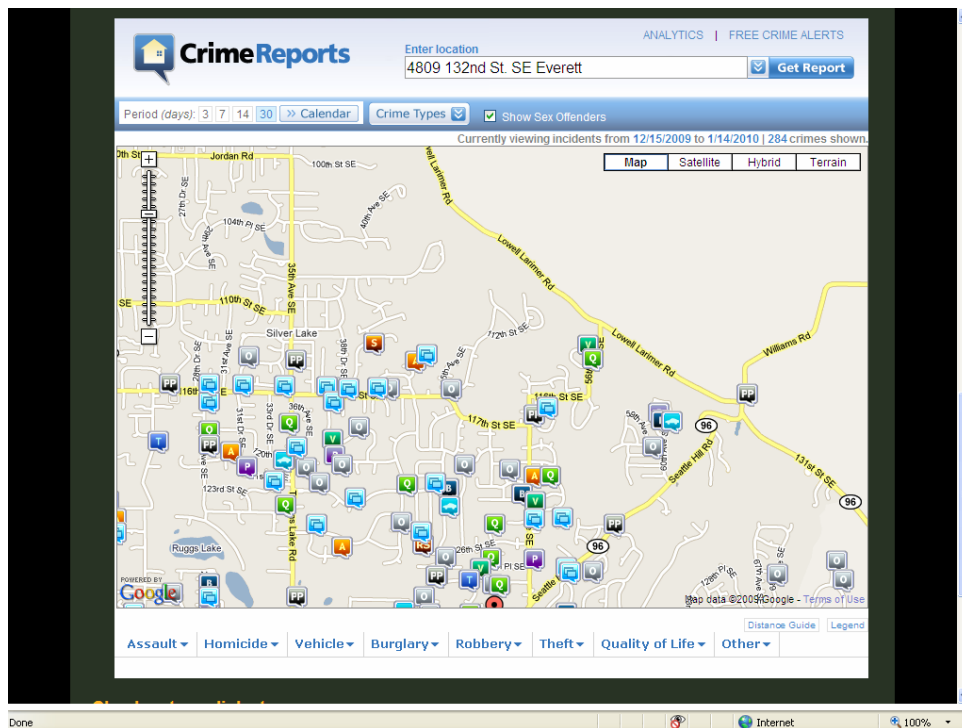
Crime Reports.com– Legend

- A = Assault
- B = Breaking and Entering
- H = Homicide
- O = Other
- P = Property Crime
- PP = Proactive Policing
- Q = Quality of Life
- RS = Registered Sex Offender
- R = Robbery
- S = Sex Offense
- T = Theft
- V = Vehicle Theft
- VB = Vehicle Burglary
- VR = Vehicle Recovery

Small car icon indicates a traffic stop.

Small text box icon indicates multiple items at the same location.

1. Go to the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office webpage at <http://sheriff.snoco.org>. Scroll down the page to CrimeReports
2. In the “**Enter location**” box, enter your address. For example: 4809 132nd St. SE Everett
3. If you’d like to see the registered sex offenders in your neighborhood, check “**Show Sex Offenders**”.
4. Specify the time period you want to search, or use the “**Calendar**” option for a customized time period.
5. Use the “**Crime Types**” menu to select the crimes you’re interested in. The “**Show All**” button is a good shortcut if you want all crimes mapped.
6. In the lower right corner, you’ll find a “**Legend**” to help you understand the icons on your map, and a “**Distance Guide**” to provide geographic perspective.
7. You can left-click on a crime icon for more details, or select from the **list of crime types across the bottom of the map** for a complete list of those crimes.
8. To receive free email crime alerts, click on “**Free Crime Alerts**” in the upper right corner.





Prescription Drugs– *Oxycontin* *Still Popular for Theft*

Oxycontin remains popular among teenagers. Oxycontin is often stolen from home medicine chests. Lately, teens will crush the pills and place them in foil. Then they will burn the crushed pills in the foil.

Doctors prescribe Oxycontin (Oxycodone) to relieve moderate to severe pain from injuries, dislocations, fractures, arthritis, lower back pain and cancer. It's active ingredient, Oxycodone, comes in time released tablets or immediate release tablets.

Introduced in 1996, Oxycontin quickly became popular for abuse. Street names often include OC, OX, Oxy, Oxycotton, Hillbilly heroin and kicker.



Two examples of Oxycontin tablets

Short term effects include inability to feel pain, sedation, euphoria, and feelings of relaxation. The major short term risk is respiratory depression, or reduced availability of oxygen to vital organs, possibly leading to death. Side effects include constipation, nausea, sedation, dizziness, vomiting, headache, dry mouth, sweating, and weakness.

Abuse can lead to physical dependence and tolerance. The body adapts to the presence of the drug and withdrawal symptoms occur if it is reduced or stopped. Continued use causes the user to take higher doses to achieve the same initial effects.

Abandoned Homes

Every neighborhood has one or more abandoned homes or homes that are going through foreclosure or bankruptcy.

Having an empty house in the neighborhood raises that fear of vandalism, illicit drug use and an increase in burglaries and car prowls.

Neighbors may not have an ability to directly ensure that the owners/financial institutions keeps the property in good order or occupied.

One thing neighbors can do is to keep the front of the abandoned house looking like it is occupied:

- Keep the front lawn mowed.
- Remove handbills and papers.
- Remove garbage and trash.

Disposing of Unused Medicine

Now, you can take unused or unwanted prescription drugs and prescription narcotics to the Sheriff's Office's precincts.

The Sheriff's Office is participating in a pilot project that aims to reduce drug overdoses, accidental poisonings, and addiction. By taking the medications, the Sheriff's Office also hopes to reduce the opportunity for teens and others to steal drugs from home medicine chests.

Bartell Drugs and Group Health Cooperative have already started a similar program. However, they cannot legally take unused narcotics. The Sheriff's Office can take narcotics. The drugs can be deposited in a locked box that is bolted to the floor. Sheriff's Office personnel regularly empty the boxes and the drugs are kept under control until destroyed.

When you gather all of your unwanted meds from your home leave them in their original containers

For more information or to find the location nearest you call 425-388-3199



US Census 2010– Know How It Works

The US Census will begin soon. In March, each residence in the US and Puerto Rico will receive a questionnaire with 10 questions. You will be asked to answer the questions then mail it in the postage paid envelope. If you don't mail it you may receive a visit from a census taker. Census takers must follow up in person at every address that does not return the questionnaire.

You will be contacted by letter from the Census Bureau Director that you will receive a form in the mail, a phone call from the Census Bureau, or a visit from a Census Bureau representative. All correspondence will be marked as from the U.S. Census Bureau and as OFFICIAL BUSINESS of the United States. You will NOT be contacted via email.

Questions that the questionnaire asks includes name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and if you own or rent the home. Your answers are safeguarded, and are not shared with anyone.

From April to July, census takers will visit every household that did not return the questionnaire. If someone knocks on your door claiming to be from the Census look for:

- A government ID badge with just the census taker's name.

- You may ask for a picture ID from another source to confirm identity.
- Some census workers might carry a bag that has the words "U.S. Census Bureau" on it.
- If you are still uncertain that the individual is a census taker, call the Seattle Regional Census Center at (425)-908-3000.

Census Takers will not ask:

- About your taxes or income.
- For your Social Security number, bank account number, or credit card number.
- For a donation.

Remember, scammers always are looking for your personal information like your Social Security number and account numbers. Also, they use email with links to lure you to websites that take your personal information and download malware software onto your computer.

For more information about the Census go to:

www.2010.census.gov

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Tip Lines:

- Phone: 425-388-3845
- Sheriff's Website: www.co.snohomish.wa.us/SheriffRpts/AnonymousTips/default.htm

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