



Teens, Crime, and
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YOUTH IN SERVICE



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It's time to complete the *Community Works* User Survey!

Whether you implement the *Community Works* program or use a few sessions as resources, your instructor information is important to us. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete the online survey at www.ncpc.org/tcc.

Community Works instructors who submit a survey by June 15, 2007, will be entered in a drawing to win \$100 worth of NCPC resources.

If you submitted a site-agreement form, please submit the user survey in order to be eligible for the \$250 instructor stipend.

SUMMER VACATION SAFETY



The school year is almost over, which means that summer vacation is just a few weeks away. For teens, summertime is often split between time home alone, at a job, out with friends, or traveling. It's important for teens to know that even though their summer schedules may allow for more freedom than their academic schedules, they still need to follow rules and understand that negative choices will continue to bring negative consequences. Share these tips with teens to help them stay safe during their summertime ventures.

Staying safe when home alone

- Remember not to do anything while home alone that you aren't allowed to do when your parents are there.
- If you use the Internet, remember to engage in friendly and legal behavior. Be sure not to cyberbully or download pirated music/videos/software. Do not give any personal information (such as your address or phone number) to anyone you meet online. Never let people you meet online know that you are home alone.
- Don't let anyone in your home without a parent's permission. If something goes wrong while you're home alone, call a trusted adult or law enforcement officer to help you.

Staying safe at work

- Be sure not to work alone, especially after hours. Create a buddy system for walking to parking lots or public transportation.
- Keep your purse, wallet, keys, or other valuables with you at all times or locked in a closet, drawer, or locker. Mark other personal items with your name or initials.
- Know the exit routes and evacuation plans for your building.

Staying safe with friends

- Using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is illegal and dangerous no matter where you are or who you are with. Don't allow yourself to give in to peer pressure or make poor choices.
- Pay attention to the road when driving with friends. Car accidents is one of the leading causes of death for teens.
- Before you leave your house, tell your parent or caregiver where you are going, who you are going to be with, and when you'll return.

Staying safe when traveling

- Carry traveler's checks instead of cash, and record information (serial numbers and item name) of any valuables you take on your vacation (like cameras or mp3 players). Take a copy of the information with you, and leave one with a family member or trusted adult.
- Learn about your vacation destination before you arrive; know what sites you want to visit and how to get there using a safe, well-traveled route.
- Be sure to lock your rooms at your lodging, and insist that everyone carry his or her key when outside the room. Remember not to give out your room number or invite strangers into your room.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



National Crime Prevention Council and the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education present the western regional *Community Works* Implementation Training from June 18–19, 2007, in Phoenix, AZ. Cost is \$175 per participant, which includes a copy of the curriculum.

Contact www.ncpc.org/tcc.

National Crime Prevention Council is also hosting a *Community Works* Implementation Training from October 1–2, 2007, in Atlanta, GA. Cost is \$175 per participant, which includes a copy of the curriculum.

Contact www.ncpc.org/tcc.

The National Crime Prevention Council 8th National Conference on Preventing Crime is from October 3–5, 2007, in Atlanta, GA.

Contact www.ncpc.org/NationalConference2007.

STOPPING SUBSTANCE ABUSE



If you haven't yet taught your *Community Works* youth about recognizing and preventing alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse, now is a great time to do so. Remember that for many teens, summertime can mean later curfews and more time alone with friends, which can create added peer pressure and have teens face tough decisions. *Community Works* instructors can use upcoming class periods to teach *Community Works Section 3: Substance Abuse and Drug Dealing* (sessions 19–21).

You can also use the *Community Works Section 3* session enhancements online, which contain service-learning project ideas, links to websites with anti-drug games and videos for teens, and resources and statistics that you can share with your students. NCPC's website also contains several brochures regarding underage drinking, methamphetamine and marijuana use, and information about the dangers of illegal substances. You can download the brochures from www.ncpc.org/publications/brochures/drugs.php.

TCC SERVICE-LEARNING GRANTS



The final deadline for TCC service-learning grant applications is **June 1, 2007**. The grants are awards of up to \$500. Only registered *Community Works* sites are eligible to apply. (Don't forget, all registered sites are required to engage all *Community Works* youth in at least one youth-led service-learning project.)

Please remember the following grant guidelines:

- The project must be youth led and address or be designed to prevent crime, violence, or drug abuse in a school or community.
- The instructor must submit a completed and typed application form, including the project description, timeline, budget, a statement of need written by a student, a letter of support from an adult supervisor, and a statement of agreement to conduct the project.
- Only registered *Community Works* or Youth Safety Corps sites are eligible to apply.

For more information about the grant application, download the grant information sheet from www.ncpc.org/programs/tcc/grant.php. To download the grant application, visit www.ncpc.org/tcc. If you have questions about the application process please email national TCC staff at tcc@ncpc.org or call 202-466-6272.

TEACH TCC!



If you aren't already part of the TCC initiative as a *Community Works* instructor or Youth Safety Corps facilitator, consider checking us out. You can order all of TCC's teaching materials from www.mcgruffstore.org/involvingteens.html. If you have questions about bringing *Community Works* or Youth Safety Corps into your community for the 2007–2008 school year, feel free to email national TCC staff at tcc@ncpc.org or call 202-466-6272.

If you have a question or concern about TCC or the *Community Works* program, please contact tcc@ncpc.org.