

Employee Safety Precautions

Every business owner is worried about the safety of their employees while at work. The following safety tips can improve the personal security of your employees:

Alarms—Make sure that all employees are well versed in the use of the alarm system of your business, especially use of the panic button for emergencies.

After Hours—Employee's should not work late alone. Create a buddy system for walking to parking lots or public transportation, or ask security to escort you.

Parking Lots and Garages—Employees should choose a well-lit place to park their cars. Always lock your car and roll the windows up all the way. Check the lot before you head toward your car. If you see anyone suspicious, go back in the business and call the police. Have your key ready, and check the floor and front and back seats before getting in. Lock your car as soon as you get in.

Special Events Permit

The Crestwood Board of Aldermen recently enacted legislation allowing businesses to conduct a specific number of special events during any year. This is a major step forward in recognizing the needs of the business community to promote it's services or products in a manner that draws special attention to the site.

Application forms are available from the City Clerk's office to apply for such a permit. Once received, we will review the plans submitted and focus on such issues as appropriate security and potential traffic congestion at the event. Staff of the department reviews the file and recommendations are made with regard to the manner in which we are able to assist you in making you event a success. Officers of the traffic unit will be assigned to contain or alleviate traffic congestion, and officers are available on an overtime basis to assist with security should your event require such assistance. Questions regarding the application process should be directed to the office of the City Clerk of the City of Crestwood. Requests for security are made directly to the office of the Chief of Police.

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Services

The Crestwood Police Department values its relationship with the Crestwood Business Community. We realize that the make-up of the City is primarily residential in nature and is supported by a vibrant and ever improving business climate. We work diligently to maintain a strong presence and service oriented delivery of services to our environment.

Officers of the department work throughout the year to maintain current contact information regarding changes in your business that will enable us to maintain our ability to respond in emergencies. In addition, a number of seminars are available from the department that include information on how to deal with: shoplifters, armed robbery, credit card fraud, bad checks, and suspicious activity. Feel free to contact Detective Mike Provaznik, Community Services Officer, to schedule a session for your employees.

The Crestwood Police Department is committed to keeping our business community a safe environment for those living in and visiting our City.

Bad Check Policy

The Crestwood Police Department recognizes our need to assist the business owner/operator with the identification, arrest and prosecution of persons submitting “bad checks” for goods and services. Consistent with that responsibility is the need for the business operator to make every effort to properly identify the person writing the check and make available the employee accepting who originally accepted the draft.

Our policy is designed to assist the business operator in the process of identification, designation of the responsible employee, and to assure that the required procedure has been followed that is consistent with the mandate of the St. Louis County prosecuting attorney. Statutes are specific for remedies available to business operators and contact with the police department is to enhance the **prosecution** of the person suspected of writing the check.

We have simplified the process by providing a simple to use form that identifies the various responsibilities needed to satisfy statutory requirements. We require this form to be completed at the time of report. Training is available for business employees by the department.

Safety Seminars

The Crestwood Police Department offers safety seminars to local business to help educate their employees about measures they can take to make their business a more secure work environment. To schedule a safety seminar, contact the Community Services Officer at 729-4833.



Building Checks

Each night, officers patrol businesses in Crestwood to make sure that they are secure. These building checks include looking for unlocked doors and suspicious activity. Officers will contact the owner or responsible party for the business if anything out of the ordinary is found.

Business Contacts

Officers routinely contact employees and owners of local businesses to update emergency contact lists kept by the Police Department. These lists come in handy when an emergency notification needs to be made during hours when the business is closed.