

Resources

Here are some of the programs and centers that serve young people in the District of Columbia. They offer a variety of social, educational, recreational and counseling services for young people seeking alternatives to being on the streets. For more programs, call the District's Answers Please! help line at 202.INFO.211 (463.6211) or online at answersplease.dc.gov.

- » **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington**
www.bgcgw.org
- » **Camp Ernest W. Brown** (summer only)
Scotland, MD
(301) 870_5808
- » **Asian American LEAD** (Leadership, Empowerment and Development for Youth and Families)
1323 Girard St., NW
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 884-0322
www.aalead.org
- » **Latin-American Youth Center**
1419 Columbia Road, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 319-2225
www.layc-dc.org
- » **Libraries Online Computer Training Center**
Martin Luther King Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-0321
www.dcpl.dc.gov
- » **Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)**
410 7th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
(202) 546-5940

Get More Safety Tips

For tips on other ways to stay safe from crime in your daily life, see the other brochures in this series, available from our Website at www.mpdcc.gov/safety. Or visit your local police district. To find the one nearest you, visit www.mpdcc.gov/districts.

Get Involved!

No one individual or agency working alone can prevent crime. It takes police and citizens working in partnership. The District of Columbia's community policing strategy provides many ways for police and communities to work together to prevent crime and build safer neighborhoods. These include regular Police Service Area meetings in your community, citizen patrols and more. To learn more about community policing activities in your neighborhood, call your local police district:

1st District	Main:.....(202) 698-0555..... TTY: 727-8506
	Substation:.....(202) 698-0068..... TTY: 543-2352
2nd District	Main:.....(202) 715-7300..... TTY: 364-3961
3rd District	Main:.....(202) 673-6815..... TTY: 518-0008
	Substation:.....(202) 576-8222..... TTY: 576-9640
4th District	Main:.....(202) 715-7400..... TTY: 722-1791
5th District	Main:.....(202) 698-0150..... TTY: 727-5437
6th District	Main:.....(202) 698-0880..... TTY: 398-5397
	Substation:.....(202) 698-2088..... TTY: 281-3945
7th District	Main:.....(202) 698-1500..... TTY: 889-3574

Know Something About a Crime? Don't Keep It a Secret

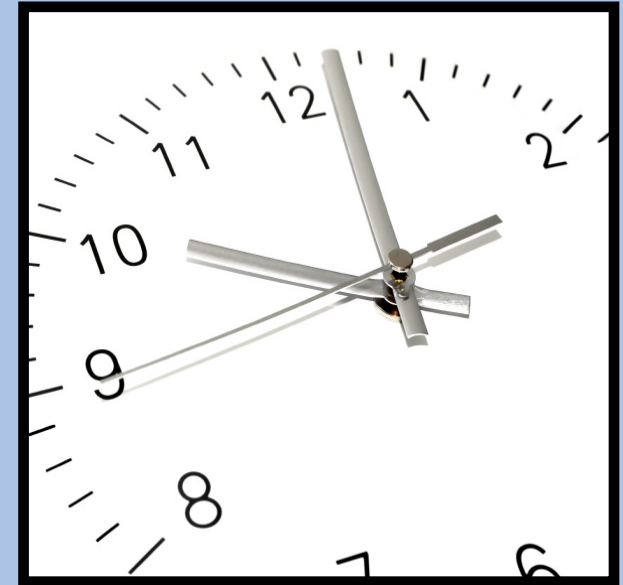
If you have important information to share with the police, the Anonymous Crime Tip Line and Text Tip Line enables you to give MPD vital information anonymously. Just dial (888) 919-2746 (CRIME) or text to 50411 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your name will not be used, only the information you provide. Your information could lead to a cash reward. For more details, see www.mpdcc.gov/tipline.



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FOR YOUR SAFETY



Know the Facts About DC's Curfew Law

*Important information about the District's
curfew and keeping your children safe*



Making curfew is important for your safety. And it can help keep you out of trouble.

It is important for you and your family to know what the law says, how it is being enforced, and what alternative programs there are for young people.

In August 1999, the District of Columbia began enforcing curfew for persons under the age of 17. It is important for you and your family to know what the law says, how it is being enforced, and what alternative programs there are for young people.

What Does the Law Say?

The Juvenile Curfew Act of 1995 (DC Code 6-2181) 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 .

What Are the Curfew Hours?

During the months of July and August only:

- » Curfew hours are 12:01 AM – 6:00 AM, seven days a week

During all other months:

- » Curfew begins at 11:00 PM on Sunday through Thursday nights, and continues until 6:00 AM the following day
- » Curfew hours are 12:01 AM – 6:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday (curfew on “Friday night” begins at 12:01 AM Saturday; curfew “Saturday night” begins at 12:01 AM Sunday)

How Is the Law Enforced?

Anyone under the age of 17 who violates curfew will be detained by the Metropolitan Police Department. Officers will attempt to take the juvenile home (or to the home of a relative or other responsible adult). If that is not possible, the juvenile will be held at the district police station. A parent, legal guardian or other responsible adult will be contacted to pick the child up immediately. If not picked

up by 6:00 am, the juvenile will be handed over to the Child and Family Services Agency.

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.

What Activities Are Exempted from the Law?

Persons under the age of 17 **do not** violate the law during curfew hours if they are:

- » Accompanied by a parent or guardian or any person age 21 or older
- » Completing an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian, without detour or stop
- » In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel



- » Working or returning home from a job, without detour or stop
- » Involved in an emergency
- » On a sidewalk that joins their residence or the residence of a next-door neighbor, if the neighbor did not complain to police
- » 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)
- » Exercising their First Amendment rights protected by the U.S. Constitution, including the free exercise of speech, religion and right of assembly

Why Is the Curfew Law Being Enforced Now?

DC’s curfew law was first passed in 1995 as a way to help protect the health and safety of both young people and our communities. Shortly after, the law was challenged in court, and enforcement was stopped until the court decided whether the law was constitutional. In June 1999, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia found the law to be constitutional. The District began enforcing the law in the fall of 1999.