

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT



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Kids, Teens, and Internet Safety

Some parents or guardians may not realize the ease with which young people can access inappropriate content on the internet, and/or become the focus of an online predator. The Covina Police Department offers a few signs and tips intended to help parents monitor the activity of their kids and teens, many of whom are skilled at masking questionable online activity.

Signs of at-risk behavior include spending large amounts of time online, particularly at night, and quickly changing screens on the monitor as a parent enters the room. Potential predators are often people who work during the day, who use evening hours online to lure children or search for pornography. Changing the screen



quickly may indicate your child or teen is covering the one hidden behind it.

There are ways parents can reduce risks while still allowing legitimate internet access to children. Communication is always important. Talk to them about potential online dangers.

Have your child teach

you about their favorite online destinations.

Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child's bedroom.

Utilize parental controls offered by your service provider, and/or blocking software.

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Fire Safety: Get Out Alive and Survive

Fire is a hot, fast and deadly element. Having an emergency plan and practicing fire drills are the best defenses in the event of a fire. If you are caught in a fire situation, practice and remember these fire safety tips so you can "Get Out Alive and Survive."

Feel the door. If the door is hot, don't open it. Go to a window and call for help. If the doorknob is cool, open cautiously.

Get out of the building before phoning for help.

Don't look for other people or pets or try to gather up items. Knock

on doors as you leave. Yell "FIRE" as you leave. Do not stop or stray from your exit path as you leave.

Crawl low to the floor. Smoke can make it impossible to see.

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Fire Safety (Continued)

Chemicals from smoke can be deadly in seconds. Heat and gases rise. The freshest air is closest to the floor.

Close the door behind you. You may keep the fire from spreading and you might protect your possessions from fire and smoke damage.

If you can't get out, get someone's attention. Call the fire department and give them your location. Close and seal your door with clothes or towels to try to keep the smoke out. Hang a sheet from the window, but keep the window closed if smoke is coming in from a lower level. Yell and scream for help.

Before a Fire

Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and inside each bedroom.

Test smoke detectors monthly.

Change the batteries in your smoke detectors twice a year (for example, every December and every June). Mark your calendar to remind yourself.

Make a home fire escape plan. Every room should have two escape routes. Practice your plan. Have unannounced fire drills.

Designate a meeting place outside of the home where all household members are to gather and be accounted for. **[END]**

Internet Safety (Continued)

Place limits on the amount of time children are allowed online access.

Always maintain access to your child's online account and randomly check his/her email. Be up front with them that you will do this, tell them why and follow through.

Instruct your children:

Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online.

Never upload (post) pictures of themselves onto the internet or online service to people they do not personally know.

Never give out identifying information such as their name, home address, school name, or telephone number.

Never download pictures from an unknown source, as there is a good chance there could be sexually explicit images.

Never respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent or harassing. **[END]**

Quick Tip Tire Blowout

A blowout might cause you to lose control, leading to damage to your vehicle and possibly endangering you or your family. These tips from safercar.gov can help keep you safe during a tire blowout:

Gradually release the accelerator. Do not apply the brakes or suddenly release the accelerator. These actions can affect handling and may lead to loss of control of your vehicle.

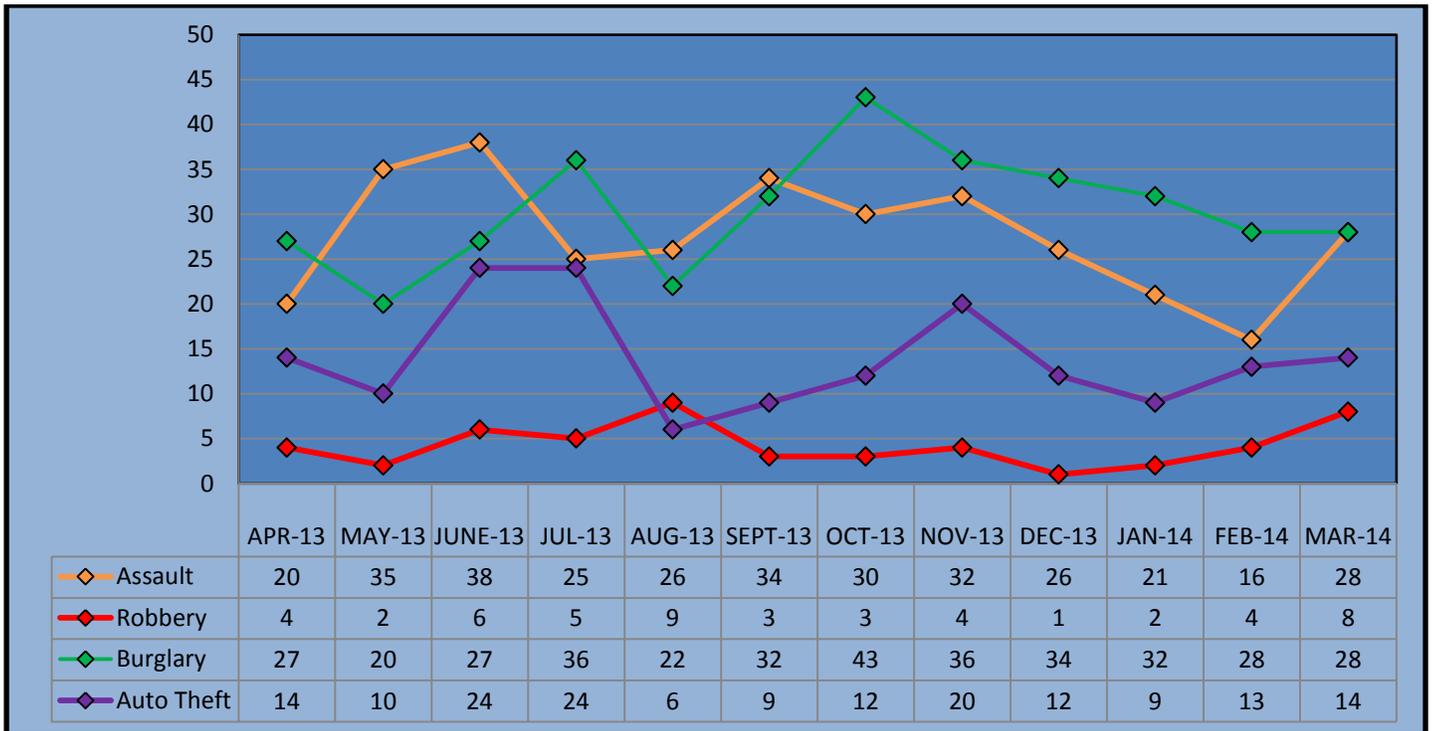
Correct the steering as necessary to stabilize your vehicle and regain control. Look where you want the vehicle to go and steer in that direction.

Once your vehicle is stable, continue to slow down and pull off the road where and when you judge it's safe.

Remember, no matter which tire blows out, the do's and don'ts for safely maintaining control are exactly the same. The only difference between a front and rear tire blowout is that you will feel the force of a front blowout more in the vehicle's steering, while you'll feel a rear blowout more in the seat or body of the vehicle.

Safercar.gov recommends checking tire pressure at least once a month, as most tires lose air over time and it's difficult to determine whether a tire is properly inflated just by looking at it.

Covina Police Crime Statistics – March 2014



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<http://covinaca.gov/crime-information/crimereports.com>

Violent Crimes -12%

- Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault & Robbery

Property Crime -15%

- Burglary, Auto Theft, Larceny & Arson

Calls for Service -2%



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