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MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Unit



GREETINGS TO OUR LIAISONS!

from Jennifer Abrao and Sarah Herrick

We wanted to start our first newsletter edition with introductions of your Crime Prevention Unit!

Jennifer Abrao comes to the Meridian Crime Prevention Unit with over twelve (12) years of experience. Jennifer has been with the Meridian Police Department for almost one (1) year and has been a great asset to the team.

Sarah Herrick comes to the Meridian Crime Prevention Unit with over ten (10) years of Law Enforcement experience. Sarah has been with the Meridian Police Department for four (4) years and has enjoyed working with the Meridian community.

We will be sending out these newsletters at least quarterly and occasionally will receive these emails during a time of the year we feel our prevention unit needs to provide extra prevention tips.



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Home Holiday Safety Tips

- **Lock it up.** Always lock your home and vehicle whenever you are away.
- **Communicate.** Talk with your neighbors about holiday plans help keep an eye out for each other.
- **Keep packages out of site.** Remove packages from your vehicles as soon as you arrive home.
- **Leave the lights on.** If you go away set up interior and exterior lights on a timer to give the appearance that someone is home.

HOLIDAY SCAMS

Shoppers should be more vigilant than ever for scams designed to steal their money and personal information.

- Only buy gift cards from trusted retailers.
- Research charitable organizations before donating.
- Do not click on links in "Shipping Notification" emails.
- If you come across offers that seem too good to be true, they probably are.

Have unused or expired medications? Feel free to drop them off at our permanent drop off location here at the Meridian Police Department. In the lobby are three (3) green bins for you to drop unused or expired medications during lobby hours of 9am-4pm (no sharps).

To learn about more current crime trend tips check out our social media pages!



HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

With the holidays coming up and seasonal shopping in full swing, criminals are also gearing up for a busy season. Please keep in mind the following tips when online shopping or shopping in person.

- Shop online with secure and trusted websites.
- Check credit card and bank statements for fraud activity.
- Do not respond to emails asking for personal information.
- Do not leave packages visible in the car.
- Keep a close eye on your little ones while shopping.
- Take advantage of the "ship to store" option.
- Schedule packages to be shipped on a day when you are home.



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Always report suspicious activity or any crime to the Meridian Police Department 208-846-7300.