

Visit [www.ukiahpolice.com](http://www.ukiahpolice.com) to see the crime prevention flyer related to the Home Security Survey for more information.

*Thanks to the Crime Prevention People for sharing this excellent information. These guidelines are intended for use when assisting community members with crime prevention matters related to their concerns. As always, recommendations should be applied however appropriate for the circumstances and can be enhanced or reduced depending upon need. Seeking input from industry professionals for specific knowledge can help in the decision-making process.*

## Visit Our Website

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## Share Your Thoughts

The Ukiah Police Department's mission is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you have any suggestions or comments about how we can improve, please complete our online survey.

If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button at [www.ukiahpolice.com](http://www.ukiahpolice.com). You can also leave crime tips on our website.

## What Number Do I Call?

### Emergency 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 for any life-threatening emergency or crime in progress.

### Non-Emergency (707) 463-6262

Online Crime Report: [ukiahpolice.com](http://ukiahpolice.com)

### Business Office (707) 463-6241

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



## Ukiah Police Department

Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

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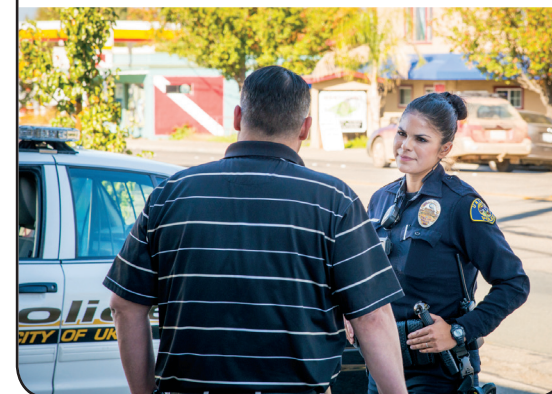
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# Safe Yard Sales

*8 Things You  
Need to Know  
About Yard Sales*



## 8 TIPS FOR SAFE YARD SALES

Each spring and fall, you'll see signs up in neighborhoods for garage sales. This is when the homeowner/resident holds a sale of common household items usually in their yard, garage, carport or community area. Thieves also are aware of the sales and they may try to steal from distracted homeowners, pass counterfeit money, or write bad checks. Prepare for prevention and avoid a problem.

## 1. GROUP OR JOINT GARAGE SALES ARE BEST

This provides for more oversight and observation of activity. Avoid having one by yourself.

## 2. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME

Not even to use the rest room,  
telephone, get water or “rest”  
because they are not feeling well.

### 3. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO WANDER

No one should walk around unaccompanied in areas where there are no items for sale or display.

#### 4. DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BECOME DISTRACTED

Be watchful for people who try to monopolize your time and attention. They may have a “partner” with them seeking a theft opportunity.

## 5. BE WATCHFUL OF CASH RECEIVED

Counterfeit money is sometimes used and you may not recognize it as such. Be aware of what legal currency looks like and check carefully before accepting bills. Use a counterfeit marking pen or detection light. Do not accept checks or credit cards as they could be fraudulent.

## 6. HAVE THE SALE IN A DRIVEWAY OR YARD AREA

Do not have the sale in your actual garage. Keep your garage door down and secure if possible to avoid prying eyes.

## 7. HAVE A NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND COME OVER WHO CAN SERVE AS AN OBSERVER OF ACTIVITY

This helps with assisting people and keeping an eye out for suspicious people or problems.

## 8. AVOID HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN ITEMS THAT ARE FOR SALE

Do not mention other items you own or might sell in the future.  
Do not answer probing questions about your home, family or habits.

