



**Project Safe Neighborhoods  
Community Safety Directory  
Durham Police Department  
Durham, North Carolina**

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## Project Safe Neighborhoods

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to combating gun crime by linking together local, state and federal law enforcement officials and community members to implement a multi-faceted strategy to deter and punish gun crime from all sides. Project Safe Neighborhoods is achieving unprecedented cooperation among law enforcement officials and the community, with an emphasis on intervention and prevention, aggressive prosecutions, and enhanced accountability.

Durham is one of nine PSN sites in the Middle District of North Carolina. Other sites include:

Alamance County  
Greensboro  
Salisbury

Cabarrus County  
High Point  
Winston Salem

Davidson County  
Orange County

Our city's Project Safe Neighborhoods unit is supported by local funding and is located within the Durham Police Department. Staff positions include a Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, and Gun Crime Analyst. The PSN staff coordinates initiatives such as community outreach programs, notifications for repeat offenders, Community Responses to Violent Acts, Gun Crime Reviews, and referral services for youth and their families. The unit is supervised by Community Services Bureau and Administrative Services Command Staff.

In 2010 the unit developed a community engagement campaign entitled *Safety in Numbers*. By partnering with neighborhoods, businesses, and organizations, the campaign provided accurate, up-to-date crime data and safety strategies to almost 30,000 Durham residents.

### **About this directory:**

Citizen engagement is critically important to the success of any crime reduction program. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Community Resource Directory was designed to provide Durham residents with a current list of several of our city's many resources. Law enforcement officers depend on concerned citizens to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Crime prevention information and easy-to-use templates are included in the directory to help residents gather pertinent data.

Durham's Project Safe Neighborhoods team wishes to thank the Raleigh Police Department (Southeast District) for developing a similar directory several years ago.

## Durham Police Department

Address:  
505 West Chapel Hill Street  
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Phone: 560-4427 (Desk Officer)

Website: [www.durhampolice.com](http://www.durhampolice.com)

### **Directory:**

Accreditation	560-4581	Professional Standards	560-4430
Administrative Services	560-4322	Public Information/Relations	560-4322
Chief of Police	560-4322	Records	560-4423
Community Services	560-4317	Recruiting/Employee Services	560-4402
Crime Analysis	560-4258	Special Events Application	560-4935
Crime Prevention	560-4404	Special Operations Division	560-4454
CrimeStoppers	683-1200	Training Unit	560-4168
Criminal Investigations	560-4440	Victim Services	560-4951
Fiscal Services	560-4589		
Information / Technology	560-4304		

### **DPD Administration** (as of November, 2010)

Jose L. Lopez, Sr.	Chief of Police
Steve Mihaich	Deputy Chief, Operations
Lee Russ	Assistant Chief, North Operations (Districts 1, 2, 5)
Winslow Forbes	Assistant Chief, South Operations (Districts 3, 4)
Loretta Clyburn	Assistant Chief, Special Operations
Jesse Burwell	Bureau Chief, Administrative Services

## **Who to Call When You Need Help in Durham**

### **When to Contact 9-1-1 for Emergency Assistance:**

9-1-1 is an emergency telephone number that provides immediate access to law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. Citizens should call 9-1-1 to report a crime, fire, heart attack, other serious medical conditions or injury, or any situation requiring the immediate response to a fire truck, ambulance or law enforcement vehicle.

### **When to Contact the Call Center's Non-Emergency Number (560-4600):**

Calling the non-emergency number is an ideal way for residents to report events that do not need an immediate response by a public safety agency. Examples of non-emergency calls include barking dogs, loud music, burglaries occurring hours or days earlier or vandalism to property. Calls to the non-emergency number are still received directly into Durham's 911 Center and the information is tracked as if the call was received on the 911 lines. However, the 911 lines take precedent and by citizens using the non-emergency line for these types of incidents and events, the 911 lines remain open for people who do have life-threatening emergencies. Of course, if in doubt as to which number to use, callers should use 911.

Although it is standard procedure for the operator to ask, callers are not required to provide personal or contact information when reporting incidents to 911 or the non-emergency number. Callers may also ask for the responding officer to contact them by telephone instead of coming to their home.

### **When to Call CrimeStoppers (683-1200):**

Residents can anonymously call Crimestoppers if they have information to provide about crimes which have occurred. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for tips leading to identification and arrest of persons wanted for felony crimes.

### **When to Contact Durham One Call (560-1200) for Assistance:**

Calls for Durham-related questions or city services can be directed to Durham One Call. Examples of resident inquiries to the number may include:

- General (city office hours and holiday schedules) and special event information
- Basic information about Durham
- Trash, mowing, and over-grown vegetation on city property or right-of-ways
- Street light repair, maintenance, and timing
- Litter and graffiti on city-owned property
- Water and sewer services
- Garbage collection and recycling services
- Neighborhood clean-up
- Potholes, street cleaning and other roadway concerns
- Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) schedules and fares

## **What You Can Do to Help Keep Durham Safe**

- Get to know your neighbors. Become familiar with their schedules. Alert one another when you'll be out of town or when you expect a strange car to be parked in front of your home.
- Join Neighborhood Watch or form a chapter in your area. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention officer for your police district.
- Report suspicious activity and when you hear shots fired. Do not fall prey to threats about reporting criminal activity. Call 911 if you witness a crime in progress. Call 560-4600 for incidents that can wait for a response and 683-1200 to contact CrimeStoppers with a tip about crime. You never have to give your name to receive a reward.
- Be familiar with North Carolina Gun Laws. It is illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits.
- Call the Impact Team at 560-1200 when you see graffiti that should be removed.
- Teach children not to touch firearms but to immediately notify a responsible adult if they find a gun.
- Do not make yourself a victim by carrying a large amount of cash.
- Store legal firearms in a locked cabinet with bullets removed and secured in a separate place.
- Utilize locks during transportation or when guns are out of locked cabinets. Gun locks are available at no charge at Durham Police substations, the Durham County Health Department, Durham County Jail, and the Durham County Sheriff's Office.
- Photograph firearm serial numbers in case guns are stolen.
- Do not purchase firearms for anyone other than yourself.
- Be a witness in the crimes you report that lead to arrest.

**There are 3 ways to report a criminal activity in your neighborhood:**

**Call 911** to report suspicious activity, crimes in progress, or situations that require an immediate response by emergency personnel.

For non-emergency situations that require an officer to respond, **call 560-4600**.

Although it is standard procedure for the operator to ask, you are not required to provide personal or contact information when reporting incidents. You may also request that an officer contact you by telephone instead of coming to your home.

**Call CrimeStoppers at 683-1200** if you have information that you would like to provide to the police anonymously about crimes which have occurred in your neighborhood. Information to CrimeStoppers is given in complete confidentiality and callers are never required to identify themselves. CrimeStoppers will pay cash rewards for tips leading to identification and arrest of persons wanted for felony crimes.

## Partners Against Crime (PAC)

Active and involved citizens are paramount to keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

*Partners Against Crime* are citizen groups that work with city and county officials to prevent crime and other problems in their neighborhoods. Each of Durham's five police districts has a *Partners Against Crime* group. Citizens work together to identify and resolve problems in neighborhoods, including:

- criminal and suspicious activity
- abandoned vehicles
- weedy lots
- waste clean-up
- barking dogs
- drug houses
- unsafe buildings

Monthly meetings are regularly attended by representatives from the Police, Housing, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, Solid Waste, Public Works, and Finance departments.

For more information about ways to become involved in your police district's *Partners Against Crime* group, go to:

- Durham Police Department website:  
<http://www.durhampolice.com/pac>
- Attend a PAC meeting

**PAC 1:** 3rd Saturday, 9:30 am  
Holton Resource and Career Center - 410 N. Driver Street

**PAC 2:** 2nd Monday, 6:00 pm  
DPS Faculty Training Center - 2107 Hillandale Road

**PAC 3:** 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am  
Lyon Park Community and Family Life Center - 1313 Halley Street

**PAC 4:** 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am  
Campus Hills Recreation Center - 2000 S. Alston Avenue

**PAC 5:** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 pm  
705 E. Main Street (January, April, July, October)  
202 N. Corcoran Street (February, May, August, November)  
1802 W. Main Street (March, June, September, December)

## **Durham Police Department Programs for Citizens**

**National Night Out** is a unique crime prevention event coordinated by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Held each year on the first Tuesday evening in August, *National Night Out* encourages residents in neighborhoods across the country to meet one another, partner with local law enforcement agencies, and take a stand against crime.

Community events include block parties, cook-outs, parades, pool parties, information fairs, and youth programs. *National Night Out* has proven to be a successful and inexpensive way to build community spirit. Our city is regularly recognized as a leader in *National Night Out* events for communities the size of Durham.

Registration information for neighborhoods interested in participating in *National Night Out* can be found on the Durham Police Department website ([www.durhampolice.com](http://www.durhampolice.com)) every summer.

**Citizens Police Academy** is a premiere program for any Durham resident wanting to know more about the operations of the Durham Police Department. The six week academy, which is free of charge, provides first-hand knowledge and front line experiences. Classes feature a ride-a-long with an officer on patrol, K-9 and DWI demonstrations, gang awareness and domestic violence information and even a driving simulator.

Citizens' Police Academy is held every year in the spring. Residents can learn about each new Academy class by viewing the Durham Police Department website ([www.durhampolice.com](http://www.durhampolice.com)).

**Citizens Observer Patrol (COP)** volunteers work on patrol in the community to assist law enforcement with non-emergency services. COP volunteers conduct infirm checks for elderly and persons with health challenges, as well as house checks for persons away from home an extended period of time. They also promote Neighborhood Watch and other crime prevention programs; staff safety displays; and enlist businesses in the Emergency Call-Back program. Volunteers undergo background checks and training. Residents interested in being a COP volunteer can call Officer Erwin Baker at 560-4438.

**Neighborhood Watch** is a community-based crime prevention program. To participate, residents agree to watch over one another's homes and report suspicious activity by calling 911. A block captain is selected for each block in the community. Please contact your district crime prevention officer if you are interested in setting up a program in your neighborhood.

The Durham Police Department participates in National Police Week, Crime Victims' Rights Week, Crime Prevention Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month observances.



## **The North Carolina Child Response Initiative (NCCRI)**

The North Carolina Child Response Initiative (NCCRI) represents a collaborative effort by the Center for Child & Family Health (CCFH), the Durham Police Department, and Project Safe Neighborhoods to improve safety and security among children and their families who are affected by violence and trauma. Funded by the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission and the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative the program allows mental health providers from the Center for Child and Family Health to work directly with Durham Police Department law enforcement officers. Officers refer families with whom they have worked to the program. CCFH clinicians ride with officers on follow-up calls to help children and families in crisis, assess for trauma symptoms, enhance child and family functioning following incidents, and prevent further victimization. Families who have been referred to the program receive education about the impact of trauma as well as mental health assessment and referrals for treatment services, as needed. Families are also assisted in their work with healthcare, child protective, law enforcement, court, and other needed services.

For more information about the North Carolina Child Response Initiative, please contact Dr. Karen Appleyard at 419-3474 extension 252 or visit the program's website at <http://www.nccri.org>.

## **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)**

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is made up of officers who have completed 40 hours of specialized training in mental illness and crisis intervention techniques. The program, which was formed in 2007, is coordinated by the Durham Center and the Durham County National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Officers graduating from the CIT program have completed training in specialized areas including Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention, Law Enforcement De-Escalation Techniques; Homeless Population and Mental Illness; Developmental Disabilities (including Autism) and Special Concerns with Adolescents.

The team's goal is to keep people with serious mental illness out of the criminal justice system for misdemeanor charges. People with mental illness are arrested more frequently and spend longer time in jail than the average citizen. Jails are not mental health institutions and are not properly equipped to handle this population. The team's mission is to give arresting officers more options when dealing with persons with mental illness. The program's goal is to connect persons with serious mental illness to treatment rather than be incarcerated.



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### Robbery Prevention Tips

- Stay tuned in to your surroundings. Be aware of what is happening around you at all times.
- Walk briskly and confidently.
- When you are traveling on foot or in your car, stay tuned into your surroundings and know your location. If you sense something wrong, leave the area immediately.
- Don't flash large sums of cash, jewelry or other expensive items. They attract unwanted attention and may give a potential robber his target.
- Travel in groups if at all possible. Avoid isolated areas, short cuts and deserted parking lots.
- If you have to use isolated areas, such as when you leave work late, have someone walk with you to your car. This applies to men and to women alike. Anyone can be the victim of a robbery.
- If you see someone suspicious, walk away. Go to an area where there are other people, bright lights or a telephone. Don't be afraid to call the police if you suspect you are being followed.

### If You Are Confronted

- Don't try to be a hero. It's better to lose your money than your life.
- Do not take any action that will jeopardize your personal safety or the safety of others.
- Try to remain calm.
- Consider all firearms to be loaded.
- Follow all directions given by robber.
- Avoid any action that might excite the robber or cause him/her to be violent. You do have a right to defend yourself from a robber(s) if you are physically attacked. However, we suggest that you avoid a physical confrontation if at all possible unless there is no other option available.
- Be alert to the direction and manner of escape.
- Get as much information as possible about the suspect(s) and any vehicle involved, including the plate number if at all possible.

### After an Armed Robbery

- Call 911 as soon as possible after the robbery. Provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible and stay on the phone until instructed to hang up. You'll be asked to provide the five "Ws" when you call 911 – who, what, when, where and weapon.
- Limit access to the area where the crime occurred in case evidence such as fingerprints might be obtained.
- As soon as possible after calling the police, write down a description of the robber(s), weapons used and the means of escape.
- Ask any witness to wait until the police arrive so they may give a description of the robber(s). If they can't stay, get their names, phone numbers and addresses.
- Do not discuss the details of the robbery with witnesses or friends as this could taint the description.

*Good Things are Happening in Durham*



## VEHICLE B&E PREVENTION TIPS

- Avoid leaving valuables in your vehicle. If you leave items in your vehicle and they're visible, you will be increasing your chance of becoming a victim.
- Place items out of sight BEFORE reaching your destination to avoid having someone watch you put your valuables away. Valuable items that thieves target are GPS units, MP3 players, credit cards, money, packages, shopping bags, laptops, video games, etc. If you must leave items in your car, secure them in a safe place in your vehicle, such as a locked glove compartment or your trunk.
- Lock ALL of your vehicle's doors and roll up ALL windows. Remember, it only takes seconds to steal items from your car. It's not uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles looking for unlocked doors.
- Park in busy, well lit areas. Pick a parking spot where there is a lot of activity. Thieves prefer breaking into cars in isolated areas.
- Don't leave any sign that there might be valuables "out of sight" in your vehicle. For example: the suction cup on your dashboard may tell thieves that you have a GPS system in your vehicle. If there is a suction mark on your window when removing the cup, wipe it off.
- Don't leave spare keys in your vehicle.

**For more information contact the Crime Prevention Unit.  
(919) 560-4404**

*Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act - A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in city government activities by contacting the ADA Coordinator, voice 919-560-4197, fax 560-4196, TTY 919-560-1200, or [ADA@durhamnc.gov](mailto:ADA@durhamnc.gov), as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.*

## 10 Things to Teach Children

1. Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. Don't stand around and form an audience when others are arguing.
2. Learn safe routes for walking in the neighborhood, and know good places to seek help. Know how to contact your parents in the event of an emergency.
3. Learn to work out your problems without fighting. If you're feeling angry toward someone, talk it out, walk away, stick with friends, or speak with a trusted adult. Try to think of some new ways to settle your problems without violence.
4. If you find a gun – stop, don't touch the gun, get away, and tell a grown-up you trust.
5. Report any crimes or suspicious activities to police, school authorities, and parents.
6. Never go anywhere with (or open the door to) someone you or your parents don't know and trust. If someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
7. Don't use alcohol or other drugs, and stay away from people and places associated with them.
8. Stick with friends who are against violence and drugs, and stay away from known trouble spots.
9. Get involved to make school safer and better – conduct a poster contest against violence, hold anti-drug rallies, counsel peers, settle disputes peacefully. If there is no program, help start one!
10. Help younger children learn to avoid being crime victims. Set a good example, and volunteer to help with community efforts to stop crime.



For more information about Durham's Project Safe Neighborhoods visit the  
PSN website at <http://www.durhampolice.com/psn>  
Or contact Jennifer Snyder, Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator  
(919) 560-4438 ext. 29230  
[jennifer.snyder@durhamnc.gov](mailto:jennifer.snyder@durhamnc.gov)

**ARE THERE GUNS  
WHERE YOUR CHILDREN PLAY?**

**ASK™**

**Asking Saves Kids**

**40% OF HOMES WITH CHILDREN HAVE A GUN**

**40% OF HOMES WITH CHILDREN HAVE A GUN, MANY OF WHICH ARE LEFT UNLOCKED OR LOADED, AND EVERY YEAR, THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN ARE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY INJURED WITH THESE GUNS.**

Just talking to your child about the dangers of firearms is not enough. Children are naturally curious. If a gun is accessible in someone's home, there is a good chance a child will find it and play with it. **Hiding guns is not enough.** There are countless tragic stories of kids finding guns parents thought were well hidden. If you have any doubts about the safety of someone's home, invite the children to your house instead.

**ASK ABOUT GUNS BEFORE SENDING YOUR CHILD TO SOMEONE'S HOUSE**

**IF THE ANSWER IS NO...**

Then there is one less thing you have to worry about.

**IF THE ANSWER IS YES...**

Make absolutely sure that all guns are stored unloaded and locked - ideally in a gun safe - with ammunition locked separately.

**TIPS TO MAKE ASKING EASIER**

**ASK WITH OTHER QUESTIONS**

Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone's house, such as seat belts, animals or allergies.

**USE THE FACTS**

Over 40% of homes with children have a gun and many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. That's why you're asking the question - you just want to make sure that your child is safe.

**WORK THROUGH GROUPS**

Introduce the ASK concept through a group or community effort, such as your religious organization or PTA.

**DON'T BE CONFRONTATIONAL**

Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is playing in a safe environment.

## **Gang Prevention for Parents**

### **Why Kids Join Gangs**

- Gangs can provide a sense of security, structure, belonging, and discipline that might be missing at home.
- The gang appears loyal when others are not.
- Gangs offer a powerful sense of identity.
- If there are rival gangs in an area, joining one of them may offer protection from the others.
- Gang activity may seem attractive to kids who are bored, lack outside interests and direction, or have low self esteem.

### **Signs of Gang Involvement**

- Skipping school or missing work often
- Sudden negative change in school performance
- No longer associates with old friends
- Associates with new friends that parents don't know
- Expresses a preference for one color, or avoids certain colors
- Graffiti on papers, walls, sheets
- Shows a strong disrespect for authority
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Shows unusual moods or patterns of behavior
- Marks personal property with specific codes or symbols
- Displays unexplained wealth, jewelry and clothing
- Speaks of needing protection and carries a weapon
- Displays unexplained bruises, cuts, brands or tattoos
- Unusual desire for privacy, time away from family. Refuses to take part in family activities.

### **Talking To Your Kids about Gangs**

Here are some talking points for parents to use in discussions with their children about gangs:

#### **Good Groups vs. Bad Groups**

*"Good groups get together to do good or positive things like sports teams, Scouts, or youth groups."*

#### **Gangs Break Laws**

*"Gang members damage property, steal, carry illegal weapons, and hurt other people. Doing any of these things can get you arrested."*

#### **Dangerous Membership**

*"Gang members may say they are your 'family' and that they 'love' you. But if you break their rules or don't do what they say, they may hurt or kill you."*



## **Domestic Violence**

Domestic violence is a pattern of many behaviors directed at achieving and maintaining power and control over an intimate partner, such as physical violence, emotional abuse, intimidation, coercion and threats.

If someone is abusing you or someone in your household, you do not have to accept it – even if your spouse is the abuser. The police and courts can help to stop the abuse. In a crisis situation, a victim should call 911. Hospitals and social service agencies help victims of domestic violence and their contact information can be found in the Yellow Pages or online. In addition, every state has a coalition against domestic violence. These coalitions can be valuable resources for individuals seeking referrals and services.

The following questions are helpful to determine whether an individual is in an abusive relationship.

Does their partner:

- Embarrass or make fun of them in front of friends and family?
- Put down their accomplishments or goals?
- Use intimidation or threats to make them do things they don't want to do?
- Treat them roughly – grab, push, pinch, shove, or hit them?
- Call or show up unexpectedly to make sure they are where they said they would be?
- Claim that drug or alcohol use is an excuse for saying hurtful things or perpetuating abuse?
- Prevent them from spending time with friends or family?

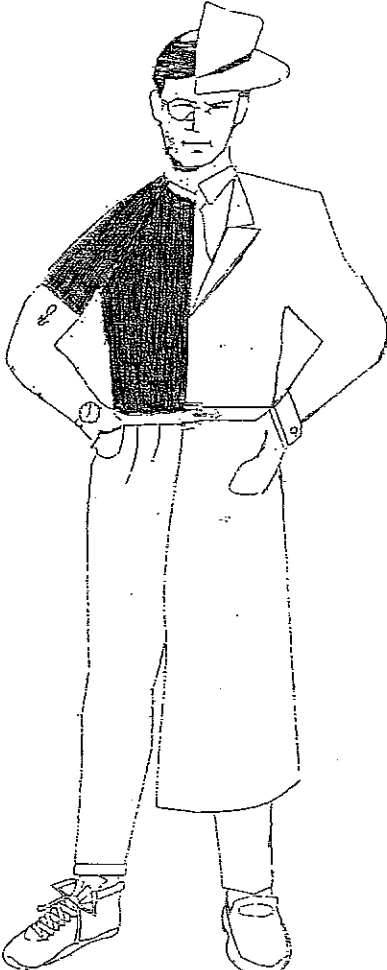
### **Tips for Helping a Loved One You Believe is Being Abused**

- Don't think that it's a private matter, not your business, or that your loved one will be all right.
- Tell the victim what information you have and that you believe s/he is being hurt.
- Tell your loved one that s/he doesn't deserve to be treated badly and that no one deserves abuse.
- Don't agree to keep a confidence if your loved one's safety (and/or the safety of children) is at stake.
- Don't say anything against the abuser. Keep this person out of the conversation as much as possible. Focus on your loved one, his/her safety, and your love and concern for him/her.
- Learn about domestic abuse so you will understand as much as possible about what your loved one is experiencing.
- Encourage your loved one to call a domestic violence resource or 24-hour crisis line to speak with a counselor.

Suspicious Activity				Neighborhood Name			
Date and Time	Location	Color of Vehicle	Make of Vehicle	Description of Occupants of Vehicle	License Plate	State	Observation(s)
9/18/2010 10:05 PM	2905 Silver Park Drive	Red (rust spots near back)	Toyota	White male driver, blue long sleeve shirt, black cap Black male passenger, hair in corn rows, green sweatshirt	EXT-7197	NC	Truck driving slow. Occupants appeared to be looking closely at cars parked along the street. Passenger got out and tried to open a car door.
				<b>EXAMPLE</b>			

Since officers cannot be everywhere in a district they depend on residents to be the eyes and ears of their neighborhoods. The most important crime prevention strategy is to know who lives near you and to be aware of regular patterns. By knowing these things, you will recognize when something unusual occurs in your community. This template is provided to help citizens document information that might be helpful when calling 911.

## Suspect Identification Sheet

SEX	RACE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	TYPE OF WEAPON
					
GLASSES (TYPE)					HAT
HAIR & FACIAL HAIR					TIE
TATTOOS					COAT
COMPLEXION					SHIRT
SCARS & MARKS					PANTS & SHOES
AUTO MAKE MODEL COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	DIRECTION OF ESCAPE		TIME OF DEPARTURE	

## **North Carolina Gun Laws**

### **Carrying Concealed Weapons (N.C.G.S. 14-269)**

It is against the law to willfully and intentionally carry a concealed firearm, on or about your person, while you are not on your own premises unless you have a concealed carry permit. This crime is a Class 2 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent offense is a Class I felony.

### **Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (N.C.G.S. 14-415.1)**

It is against the law for any person who has been convicted of a felony to purchase, own, possess, or have in his custody, care, or control any firearm (except an antique firearm) or weapon of mass destruction. This crime is a Class G felony.

### **Possession of a Stolen Firearm (N.C.G. S. 14-71.1, 14-72)**

It is against the law to possess a stolen firearm if you knew or had reasonable grounds to believe it was stolen. This crime is a Class H felony.

### **Altering Firearm Serial Number / Possession of a Firearm with Altered Serial Number (N.C.G.S. 14-160.2)**

It is against the law for any person to alter, deface, destroy, or remove the permanent serial number from any firearm with the intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of the firearm. It is unlawful for any person knowingly to sell, buy, or be in possession of any firearm on which the permanent serial number is altered, defaced, destroyed, or removed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of the firearm. This crime is a Class H felony.

### **Storage of Firearms to Protect Minors (N.C.G.S. 14-315.1)**

It is against the law to reside in the same premises as a minor, own or possess a firearm, and store or leave the firearm in a condition that it can be discharged and in a manner that you knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to it, and a minor gains access to the firearm without lawful permission, and the minor illegally possesses the firearm on school grounds or exhibits the firearm in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner or causes personal injury or death with the firearm which is not in self-defense or uses it in the commission of a crime. This crime is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

### **Selling or Giving Weapons to Minors (N.C.G.S. 14-315)**

With limited exceptions, it is against the law to sell, offer to sell, give, or in any way transfer a handgun to a minor. In addition to this crime being a Class H felony, the individual charged with the crime will forfeit the proceeds of any sale made in the crime.

### **Possession of a Handgun by a Minor (N.C.G.S. 14-269.7)**

With limited exceptions, it is against the law for any minor to possess or carry a handgun. This crime is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

### **Reporting a Missing or Stolen Firearm**

Though North Carolina law does not require gun owners or dealers to report missing or stolen firearms, it is strongly recommended that they do so. Contact your nearest law enforcement office immediately if your firearm is lost or stolen.

### **Disposal of a Firearm**

If you need to dispose of a firearm, please call your nearest law enforcement office and request that an officer pick it up. Firearms may be taken to any police department or sheriff's office for disposal.

## **Maximum Punishments for Gun Crimes**

**Felonies:** These are punishments for individuals with the highest possible prior record level.

Class A – Death or life imprisonment without parole

Class B1 – Life imprisonment without parole

Class B2 – 480 months

Class C – 261 months

Class D – 229 months

Class E – 98 months

Class F – 59 months

Class G – 44 months

Class H – 30 months

Class I – 15 months

**Misdemeanors:** These are the punishments for individuals with the highest possible prior conviction level.

Class A1 – 150 days

Class 1 – 120 days

Class 2 – 60 days

Class 3 – 20 days

## Community Resources

### Rental Assistance

Department of Social Services 560-8000

Operation Breakthrough 688-8111  
- Weatherization ext. 270  
- Housing Services ext. 228  
- Utility Assistance ext. 228

Presbyterian Urban Ministries 220-8757

Women in Action 680-4575

Catholic Charities 286-1964  
Salvation Army 688-7306

Second Mile Ministry 286-3596

White Rock Baptist Church 688-8136

### Emergency Housing (Short Term)

Urban Ministries Shelter 682-0538  
ext. 21

Durham Rescue Mission  
- Men's Shelter 688-9641  
- Women & Family 688-4909

Interfaith Hospitality Network 682-2846

Durham Crisis Response Ctr. 403-6562

### Food (Hot Meals)

Urban Ministries Comm. Kitchen 682-0538

Asbury Temple United Methodist 688-4578

Nehemiah Christian Center 688-4203

### Clothing

Second Mile Ministries 286-3596

Grey Stone Baptist Church 286-2281

Adventist Community Services 596-4440

### Home Repairs

City Community Dev. Dept. 560-4570

### Yard Care (elderly and disabled)

Union Baptist Church 688-1304

### Food (Food Pantries)

Adventist Community Services 596-4440

Asbury Temple U.M. Church 688-4578

Bell Yeager Free Will Baptist 596-8044

Calvary Baptist Church 596-2592

Catholic Charities 286-1964

Christian Assembly Pantry 471-0220

Durham First Assembly of God 471-1370

First Calvary Baptist Church 489-4184

Russell Memorial Church 682-2523

Springs of Life Bible Church 698-6200

United Pentecostal Church 477-6555

### Help for Special Populations

Independent Living 560-6815

The Durham Center 560-7200

AIDS Comm. Res. Assn. 956-7901

Assn. for Retarded Citizens 493-8141

Council for Senior Citizens 688-8247

**Health Services**

Alliance of AIDS Services	596-9898
American Red Cross	489-6541
Durham County Health Dept.	560-7600
Lincoln Community Health Ctr.	956-4000
Pregnancy Support Services	490-0203
Senior Pharm Assist	688-4772

**Hospitals**

Duke University Medical Ctr.	684-8111
Durham Regional Hospital	470-4000

**Legal Assistance**

Duke Law Clinic	613-7169
Legal Aid of North Carolina	688-6396
NCCU Law School (Legal Clinic)	530-7868

**Job Training**

Durham Tech. Comm. College	686-3626
Exchange Club of Durham	596-1341
Job Link	560-6880
Work First	560-8347

**Mental Health Services**

Covenant Comm. Partners	401-8000
Durham Center Access	560-7100
The Durham Center	560-7200

**Substance Abuse Services**

Duke Addictions Program	684-3850
Durham Child Development	416-7200
Healthy Families of Durham	419-3474

**Additional Services**

Dept. of Social Services	560-8424
Durham Housing Authority	683-1551
El Centro Hispano	687-4635
The Arc of Durham	493-8141
Social Security Adm.	541-5442
Veterans Administration	286-0411