

Ask a Cop Submission
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Question: Can the Glendale Police Department provide any tips for residents on how to deal with vacant home issues in their neighborhoods?

Answer: Yes we can. Unfortunately, communities across the nation are being impacted by the economy and the current housing market; everyone is affected directly or indirectly. One of the results of the economy is an increase in abandoned or vacant homes in our neighborhoods. Vacant homes can create safety concerns and it is wise for the surrounding residents to be aware and proactive in dealing with such properties. The following tips might help you deal with, or prevent potential problems involving these homes:

- 1) If you see any suspicious activity at a vacant property, please call the Glendale Police Department at 623 930-3000. We want to know about this activity while it's happening, so don't hesitate to call.
- 2) If you suspect a home in your neighborhood has been abandoned you can contact the City of Glendale Code Compliance Office at 623 930-3610. The city actively tracks abandoned properties.
- 3) If you reside in a neighborhood with a home owners association (HOA), attend the community meetings and ask your HOA to take action with any unsightly maintenance issues. The City of Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office can also assist with that, and they can be reached at 623 930-2868.
- 4) If there is a pool on the vacant property and it still contains water, it can pose many safety issues. You can and should report that to the Glendale's Code Compliance Office, your HOA and to the Health Department.
- 5) The last very important tip is to start a neighborhood watch group if you don't already have one. For info on how to form a neighborhood watch group contact the Glendale Police Department's Community Action Team Hotline at (623) 930-3380.

For additional information concerning neighborhood related questions or issues, please visit: <http://www.glendaleaz.com/police/education.cfm>