



# MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER: CORONAVIRUS CRIME AWARENESS

*Crime Prevention is an active approach utilizing public awareness and preventive measures to reduce crime.*

The focus for the month of June is **Coronavirus Crime Awareness**. As summer arrives and people are still restricted from many common activities, it is important to know the crimes on the rise during this pandemic. The overall goal should be to know the problem, help prevent the problem, and to not become the problem. The following are the biggest threats today:



**Package Theft:** Even though most homes are likely to be occupied, there are still porch thieves being reported nationwide.

**Prevention Tip:** If items are delivered to your address, ensure you collect them right away, or request for a friend or family member to secure them immediately.

**Unlawful Breaking and Entering:** Residences are less likely to be broken into but non-essential businesses have been reported as being burglarized.

**Prevention Tip:** If it is not your place of business or you do not have the legal right to enter, do not enter.

**Scams:** There have been reported scams via email, text messages, and calls with statements that they are working on cures and vaccines and need your money.

**Prevention Tip:** Do not respond to these scams and ensure you report them properly.

**Speeding and Reckless Driving:** Many assume that law enforcement is less likely to conduct traffic stops due to social distancing. Even though this is false, it still does not give you the right to speed or drive recklessly.

**Prevention Tip:** Follow posted speed limits and obey the law.



**Assault:** Globally there have been reports of assaults on medical workers, law enforcement, and other personnel involving intentional coughing on, spitting on, and sneezing towards individuals.

**Prevention Tip:** It is a crime to intentionally cough, sneeze, or spit on anyone. Ensure CDC safety measures are followed and continue to sanitize.

By knowing the criminal activity trends, you now have means to help prevent crimes and the ability to not commit a crime. Do your part and stay safe during the pandemic!

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