

# MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

## NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION

### Get Alerts, Stay Alive: Emergency Preparedness

We live in an age when an emergency or a natural disaster can happen in any community, at any time. An informed, alert, and connected citizenry can help save lives and protect property. Wireless Emergency Alerts can help all Americans be prepared to respond to emergencies where they live, work, go to school, or socialize.



### Prevent Financial Fraud: Before You Invest, Ask and Check

Learn more about the risk factors and red flags of financial fraud. Help spread the FINRA Foundation's consumer strategy, [Ask and Check](#) to help prevent America from fraud victimization, which can have devastating consequences for individuals, families.

Each Year:

- An estimated 30.2 million people are defrauded.
- Total loss of close to \$3 billion.
- Adults ages 40 and older surveyed, more than 80 percent of respondents had participated in a potentially fraudulent scheme.
- More than 40 percent of those surveyed could not identify the classic red flags of fraud.

### Get Real About Intellectual Property Theft



Many people believe that purchasing counterfeit products is a victimless crime and bargains like these are a part of everyday life. The consequences of intellectual property theft are real and include increased gang and organized crime activity, economic loss, and life-threatening harm to consumer health and safety. Intellectual property theft isn't a victimless crime. Thieves reap huge profits from the counterfeit products, which in turn can damage lives and destroy neighborhoods.



### Raise Your Voice to Stop Hate

Hate divides communities. Hate can lead to crime and violence in schools and places of worship. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting program:

- In 2012, 1,730 law enforcement agencies reported 5,796 hate crime incidents involving 6,718 offenses.
- These incidents were racially motivated, many included sexual-orientation, religious, ethnicity or national origin, and disability bias.

Students, parents, businesses, law enforcement, and the community all play a role in preventing hate crimes and building cohesive communities that are safe for all.

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