

THE DENVER CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIMS
DENVER'S CURFEW LAW

Denver has a curfew law for all children under the age of 18. If you are concerned about young people out at night, you can report violations of this law to the police.

Denver Revised Municipal Code D.R.M.C. 34-61 states, in part, that:

“It is unlawful for a minor to be in any public place or on the premises of any establishment during curfew hours...It shall be unlawful for a parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly permit, or by insufficient control, allow the minor to be in or remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment during curfew hours...”

From April through September, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, youth will be ticketed and taken to the SafeNite Curfew Site located at the Denver Police District 1 station, 1311 W. 48th Ave., Denver, CO 80211.

Reducing any possible threat of violence by and against youth is the goal of the curfew program. Denver's Curfew Ordinance requires that youth 17 years of age and younger must be off the street on Friday and Saturday nights from midnight through 5:00 a.m., and Sunday through Thursday nights from 11:00 p.m. through 5:00 a.m. Youth may be cited with a municipal violation for violating the curfew ordinance while parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may be cited for allowing youth to violate the ordinance.

Exceptions to the ordinance include:

- Youth who are in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel
- Going to or from work without any detour or stop.
- In the custody of and accompanied by an adult, only if the youth has a note, signed by the parent or guardian, dated for that night that clearly states the youth is allowed to be in the company of a specific adult
- In the company of a parent or legal guardian

The Denver Curfew Program is a joint effort between officers of the Denver Police Department and diversion officers of the Denver Safe City Office. Juveniles who are contacted violating curfew will be transported to the SafeNite Curfew site to be processed and interviewed prior to being released to a parent or guardian. Only curfew violators are brought to these centers. Juvenile criminal offenders are processed through existing juvenile delinquency facilities.

Questions may be referred to Tiffany Vu of the Denver Safe City Office at (720) 913-4619 or Lt. Adam Hernandez of the Denver Police Department at (720) 913-6717.

The curfew law has been in effect for over 60 years but has more recently been amended and Denver has taken a stronger role in enforcing the law.