

## LANDLORDS:

### KEEP YOUR RENTAL COMMUNITIES SAFE!

Most of the problem crime areas in Boone County are in neighborhoods with a high concentration of rental units and trailer parks. Landlords who "rent to anybody" create a haven for drug dealers, thieves and a wide range of criminal activities.

Landlords can help reduce crime by utilizing methods to properly screen tenants, maintain an aesthetic environment and create a safe, pleasant living community. Landlords who develop and maintain high standards will attract good tenants, see an increased demand for units, boost property values and improve safety for all!

Poor rental standards by some landlords result in higher crime, damage to property, lower property values and the cost of eviction.

***FREE Sources Available To Screen Prospective Tenants:***

<http://www.showmeboone.com/sheriff>

CLICK on the daily 07:00 Report to see arrests made by area law enforcement agencies in the previous 24 hours!

CLICK on Registered Offenders and get the names and addresses of rapists, child molesters and others convicted of sex crimes!

CLICK on Warrants and see the names of everyone currently with either a felony or misdemeanor warrant for their arrest in Boone County!

<http://www.courts.mo.gov/casenet/base/welcome.do>

Check all the courts in the State of Missouri through CASENET to see if a prospective tenant has a criminal history or has been sued for non-payment of rent, utilities, child support or neglecting other financial responsibilities.

<http://www.hud.gov>

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. This government site provides information on the Federal Fair Housing Information Act.

<http://ago.missouri.gov/publications/landlordtenant.htm>

The Attorney General for the State of Missouri and the Missouri Bar Association provide information on landlord and tenants rights and responsibilities.

<http://www.crime-free-association.com>

More tips on developing and maintaining a crime free rental community.

### ***FEE BASED SITE FOR SCREENING TENANTS:***

<http://www.accudataservices.com>

Accurate Data Services is a central Missouri company providing nationwide credit and background checks on prospective rental tenants for a fee.

***\*\*\*\*The Columbia Police Department periodically holds seminars for landlords throughout Boone County on ways to make rental communities crime free. There is more information about Crime Free Housing at <http://www.gocolumbiamo.com> Click on Public Safety and Courts and enter Crime Free in the search block. The contact person is Officer Tim Thomason at 874-7426 or e-mail at [tethomas@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:tethomas@gocolumbiamo.com)***