

## Are You Ok Program

The Evansville Police Department offers a daily telephone service called the "Are You OK Program." This program was started by the Evansville Police Department a few years ago. The program is designed to check on the elderly residents in our community to make sure they are "OK" on a daily basis. The Police Department calls each person on the "Are You OK" list at a pre-determined time, each day and makes sure that they are doing OK.

As mentioned, the purpose of the phone call is to make sure that you are doing OK. If you fail to answer our call, we immediately begin a process in an attempt to locate you. If we cannot locate you, we immediately respond to your residence and attempt contact. We want to be sure that everything is OK and that there is not a medical or similar emergency.

Our first response if we are unable to make contact with you will be to contact a friend/relative and ask the friend/relative if they know if you are gone to an appointment, out of town, etc. If we are not successful at contacting a friend/relative, and we cannot make contact with you, we respond to your house and attempt contact and check the residence.

This is a valuable program to check on those that may not have someone else to do this, or those that live alone. It is very important that once you are part of our program, you let us know if you are not going to be home on a certain day. We will note this on our calling schedule. Often times, you may have a doctor's appointment or you may be going to stay with a relative and will be gone for a few days. All you would need to do is to let the police department know that you will not be home on those days.

If you are interested in being added to our list, please contact the Evansville Police Department in person or by phone at 882-2299 between the hours of 7am-330pm. We will assist you in completing the registration form. Once the form is completed, we will begin calling you every day at a pre-determined time. Our police secretary is generally the person that you will be talking to during the week days when the police department calls. However, you may also hear from the Chief of Police, and any of the Evansville Police Officers. On the weekends, one of the police officers makes the calls.

To summarize, the Evansville Police Department will call you every day to be sure you are OK. If you do not answer the phone we will next call your friends/relatives (that you have identified) to determine if you are gone on a scheduled appointment. If we are unable to determine where you are, we will respond to your residence to make sure you are "OK."

If you have any questions on this program or any other questions for the Evansville Police Department, please give us a call or stop by.

The Evansville Police Department is able to offer this service to our residents because we have police officers working on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need the police, fire or ambulance for an emergency, dial 911. For all other non-emergency calls, the number is 882-2292. When you call for assistance, you will either get our police secretary or a Rock County Communications Telecommunicator. Regardless of who answers your call, the person you will be talking to has direct access to the Evansville Police officers on duty, and will take your information and contact the officer(s) on duty in a prompt manner.