

ONLINE EXCHANGES

SAFE XCHANGE is a community outreach service design to provide the Boonsboro community a safe location to conduct exchanges. Whether you are buying or selling on Craigslist, or other online marketplaces. The Town of Boonsboro would like to provide a designated area where you could make those exchanges. This location will be at the Boonsboro Police Department . There will be an area in the parking lot designated by signs where you can make large exchanges. You may also utilize the lobby of the police department to make exchanges. These areas will be Audio and Video recorded.

Some things to keep in mind when utilizing SAFE XCHANGE at the Boonsboro Police Department.

- The hours of availability are from 8:00 A.M. until Dusk (When the Street lights come on).
- There will be, "No Guns", "No Drugs", or the Likes.
- The department will not get involved in the details of the transaction. We are only there for you safety.
- Ask for proof of the seller's identity, if you believe the item may be stolen, we may be able assist in checking our database to make verification.

- If you are receiving a large sum of cash, go directly to your bank to make a deposit.
- Beware of common scams, like checks for an amount higher than the amount of the deal.
- If you are given a cashier's check, money order or other equivalent, call the bank at the number listed online, not a number the buyer gives you to verify the validity of the check.

The property of the Boonsboro Police Department is under 24/7 video surveillance. All persons and their vehicles may be subject to K9 scans.

CUSTODY EXCHANGES

SAFE XCHANGE is a community outreach service also designed to provide the Boonsboro community a safe location to conduct custody exchanges and/or visitations. The Town of Boonsboro would like to provide a designated area where you could have those exchanges or visitations. This location will be at the Boonsboro Police Department. There will be an area in the parking lot designated by signs where you can make exchanges. You may also utilize the lobby of the police department to make exchanges. These areas will be Audio and Video recorded. Supervise visitation or visitations could utilize the Tot Lot during spring/summer months or warm weather in the fall.

If you have behaved properly and in a manner that assures safety, but the other parent remains unwilling to do so, there are three different types of safe exchange scenarios you can use to minimize risk:

1. **No-contact child custody exchange:** This method provides a way for parents to follow custody and visitation agreements without having to see or speak to each other. This type of scenario typically occurs when a child is dropped off at school by one parent, and picked up by the other on a set schedule.

2. **Highly public location child custody exchange:** Public surveillance cameras, security figures and the general public serve as witnesses and can provide safety. Even parents who are high-conflict are still usually concerned with how the public perceives them, and will conduct themselves in a manner that will receive positive perception.
3. **Police station child custody exchange:** When you truly feel in danger and fear for the safety of your child, a police station is the ideal place for an exchange. Police stations are public places, and it is the responsibility of officers to protect and to serve. If you are unable to enter the building for whatever reason, even a police station parking lot would be a safe place for an exchange.

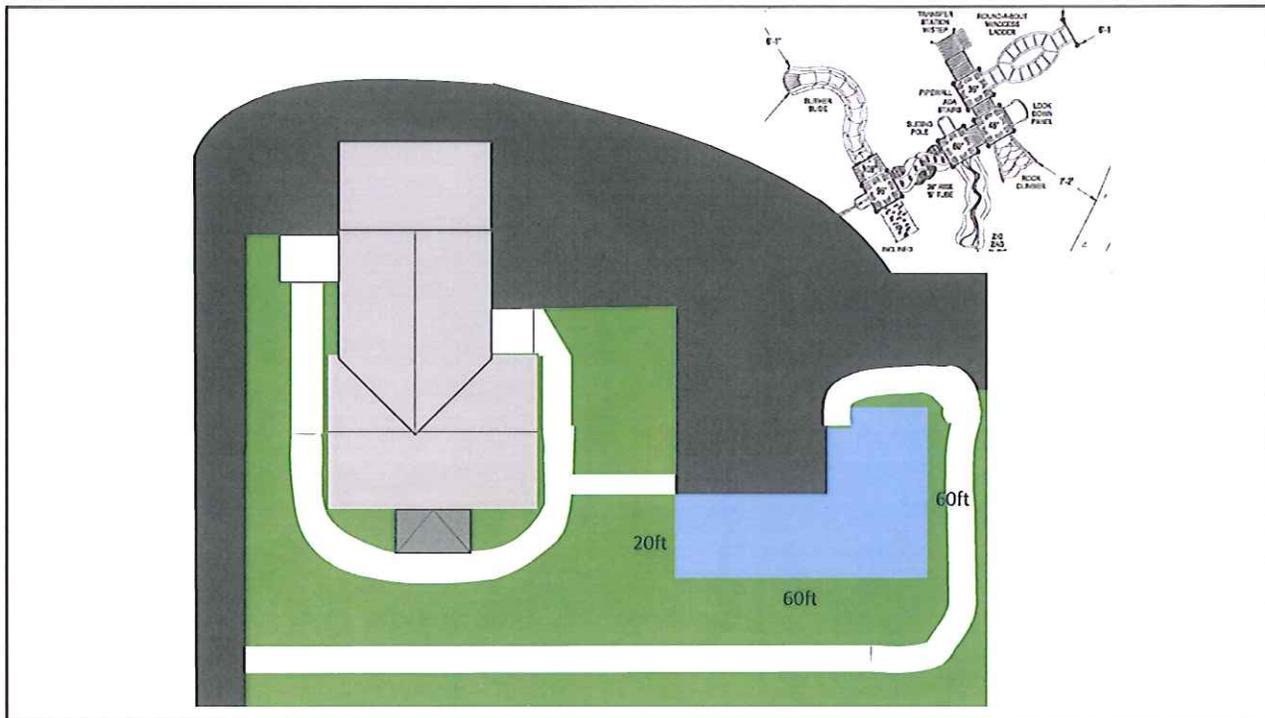
Some things to keep in mind when utilizing SAFE XCHANGE at the Boonsboro Police Department.

- The hours of availability are from 8:00 A.M. until Dusk (When the Street lights come on) in the parking lot and in the lobby from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.
- The department will not get involved in the details of the custody. We are only there for you safety.
- Ask for proof of the seller's identity, if you believe the item may be stolen, we may be able assist in checking our database to make verification.

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Unmet demands, verbal abuse, parents not showing up for the exchange, parents leaving with the child and even physical violence can occur when parents are unable to see eye to eye. The following is a short list of guidelines for parents to follow in order to avoid a hostile situation during a child custody exchange:

- Read and understand your court order regarding custody and visitation
- Make sure your child fully understands when and where exchanges will take place
- Document every exchange. Include when, who was involved, if there was an element of danger and how any conflict was resolved
- Reassure your child that he or she should have a good relationship with the other parent
- Avoid quizzing your child about the other parent's activities and relationships
- Save any unresolved legal issues with your ex-spouse for the court



What is needed

- Would like to extend the current parking lot at the police department to accommodate additional space for parking, but also for current vehicle to be able to back out of the spaces without driving onto the grass or sidewalk.
- Would like to obtain two (2) additional cameras to directly record the Tot lot and the XCHANGE spot. (Speaking with CIA first to see if I can get a donation or reduced cost).
- Have not been able to get estimates for blacktop yet. Greg said his guys could do the site prep.
- Signage for SAFE XCHANGE.

NO PARKING

BOONSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



**THIS AREA IS UNDER 24 HOUR
VIDEO SURVEILLIANCE
INTERNET PURCHASE
&
CUSTODY
EXCHANGE AREA
EMERGENCY DIAL 911
NON EMERGENCY DIAL 240-313-4345**

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