

Neighborhood Service Unit



**BALTIMORE CITY
SHERIFF SAM COGEN**

To promote responsible business practices, reduce nuisances, and increase safety in neighborhoods across Baltimore, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has established the Neighborhood Services Unit (NSU). The NSU ensures that businesses comply with alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis laws, while also performing other duties as directed by the Sheriff—giving it the flexibility to respond to a wide range of community needs.

Through collaboration and accountability, the Sheriff's Office is taking an active role in strengthening public safety and fostering more vibrant, responsible neighborhoods across Baltimore.

Liquor Law Enforcement

In partnership with Baltimore City's Liquor License Board, the NSU will fill public safety gaps related to the violation of liquor laws. The BCSO targets and investigates licensed liquor establishments that don't comply with the rules of their license, including the prohibition of underage drinking, as well as the sale of alcohol by unlicensed persons and businesses.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is a serious offense that harms the environment and threatens public health in our communities. The NSU has strategies to address and investigate illegal dumping complaints, holding offenders accountable and maintaining cleaner, healthier neighborhoods for all.

Abandoned Vehicles

The NSU is equipped with a flatbed tow truck and staffed by specially trained operators to respond to community complaints involving abandoned or hazardous vehicles. The unit works to remove vehicles that pose safety or health risks and to keep Baltimore's streets clear and accessible.

Bicycle Education and Registration

The BCSO's Bicycle Education and Registration program, or B.E.A.R., aims to reduce the number of bicycles stolen in Baltimore City as well as increase the number of stolen bicycles recovered. City residents can register their bicycle and initiate a law enforcement and community response if their bike gets stolen.

Partner With the NSU

The Neighborhood Services Unit is committed to working hand-in-hand with residents, businesses, and community organizations to create productive, community-focused partnerships.

Connect with us—and learn more about the NSU: <https://baltimorecitysheriff.gov/nsu/>

Cannabis Law Enforcement

In partnership with the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission, the NSU enforces laws related to the illegal sale of marijuana, tobacco, and cannabis.

Human Trafficking & Sexual Assault

NSU will investigate and identify individuals who exploit other people into human trafficking. Working with our partners, we will be a resource to victims of human trafficking.

- National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-373-7888
- University of Maryland SAFE Center: 301-314-7233 or safecenter@umaryland.edu
- Baltimore's Blue Dot Program—a response initiative led by Mercy Medical Center that provides access to trained healthcare, social service, and law enforcement professionals: 410-396-2273



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