



# COMMUNITY ALERT

WEST LOS ANGELES AREA  
LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## FLASH MOB PARTIES

### ATTENTION-AREA RESIDENTS

Recently, there has been a new trend of social media/flash mob parties occurring, following the release of a particular movie. Teenaged children are targeting homes where the parents are either away for the weekend or on vacation leaving the residence unattended or attended by an unsupervised teen.

Using social media, the address of the unattended residence or teen willing to host the party is sent to thousands of followers who will then converge on the residence creating a flash mob party scene. Party goers will arrive at the residence bringing alcoholic beverages, narcotics, commit acts of vandalism, theft, burglary, physical and sexual assaults. Most homes will sustain thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage and property loss.

Residents are reminded to always maintain their home security and participate in a Neighborhood Watch. If possible use a responsible adult house sitter while away. Ensure your alarm is armed and a local responsible person or neighbor is available to respond if necessary. Web based surveillance cameras will also allow you to monitor your residence from your smartphone or laptop.

**If you suspect an intrusion or an illegal party call 911 or 1-877-275-5273 (1-877-ASK-LAPD).**

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