



# ORCA TALES

"We can tell you more about them than their mother"

## NEW! SCREENING MINORS

The fastest growing group of criminals are minors. The crimes are often sex related according to the police officers at a monthly meeting I attended on minimizing crime in apartment complexes. These police officers are deeply concerned about this trend in our youth. Their job is to assist landlords and property managers in crime prevention. They recommend to perform a juvenile court records search on all minors, ages twelve through seventeen.

Now you can request a juvenile court record search on any and all minors who may be occupying a unit. On the back of this months ORCA TALES is a new stand alone document – the part of an application where permission is given by the applicants for the background check to be processed. It explains what kind of information will be researched. When applicant(s) fill this out and sign it they are giving permission for their background check to be processed AND FOR JUVENILE COURT RECORDS TO BE SEARCHED ON ANY AND ALL MINORS THEY KNOW WILL BE OCCUPYING THE UNIT.

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The price of a juvenile court records search is \$6.00 per person (juvenile)

Questions:

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## Emergency Preparedness Tips

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and with it will come surprises from Mother Nature. Here in the Northwest that can mean flooding, destructive windstorms, and the dangers brought on by cold weather.

*Now is the time to prepare.* Disasters often occur with little or no notice and without regard for who their victims will be. The Snohomish County Chapter of the American Red Cross offers the following suggestions for preventing, preparing for and responding to emergencies.

**MAKE A PLAN:** Discuss with your family the disasters that can happen where you live. Establish responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team. Choose two places to meet after a disaster.

**BUILD A KIT:** What you have on hand when a disaster happens can make a big difference. Plan to store enough supplies for everyone in your household for at least three days.

**GET TRAINED:** Learning simple first aid techniques can give you the skills and confidence to help anyone in your home, your neighborhood and at work.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS:** These family members are wholly dependent on you to keep them safe from harm. Be sure to include them in your disaster preparedness plans. Make arrangements for a safe place to take your pets. If you have to evacuate, it is important that you evacuate your pets too. Identify places that can shelter pets before disaster strikes.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION:** If a close family member is a service member and disaster strikes, the Red Cross can help you convey an emergency message to your military loved one deployed on assignment anywhere in the world through its Armed Forces Emergency Service Office.

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF:** When temperatures drop, dress appropriately before going outside. The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to experience cold emergencies such as hypothermia and frostbite. Wind speed can create dangerously cold conditions. Keep a winter storm survival kit in your car. This should include blankets, food, flares, chains, gloves and first aid supplies.

Remember, all American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

\*\*\*\*To learn more about disaster preparedness, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

In honor of Thanksgiving, our office will be closed on November 24th, Thanksgiving Day.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

### WHALES FOR SALE

Large Deluxe (36") \$25.00 / Small (16") \$15.00  
(includes tax, shipping & handling)

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## ORCA WISDOM



The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.

\*\*Harriet Beecher Stowe\*\*

