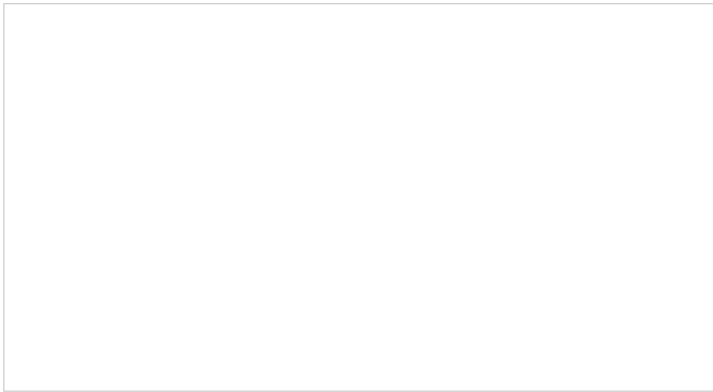


SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TURNS INTO CRIME-RIDDEN HELL THAT NEWSOM CREATED

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[When Seconds Count, The Cops Aren't Coming: PD Advises Using Air Horns To Alert Neighbors To Intruders Because No Cops Will Come As Bay Area Crime Turns Into SF Apocalypse](#)

Democrats in DC, Oakland Sound Alarms Over Rising Crime: "Amid a surge in crime in Oakland, California, police have advised residents to use air horns to alert neighbors to intruders and add security bars to their doors and windows."

Posted by [Stacey Matthews](#)

As Legal Insurrection previously [reported](#), the crime situation in Oakland, California has gotten so dire that even the city's woke NAACP division wrote a blistering [letter](#) to city leaders urging action while blaming progressive policies, Soros-funded District Attorney Pamela Price, and the Defund the Police movement for making criminals feel like it is open season on residents:

"Failed leadership, including the movement to defund the police, our District Attorney's unwillingness to charge and prosecute people who murder and commit life threatening serious crimes, and the proliferation of anti-police rhetoric have created a heyday for Oakland criminals. If there are no consequences for committing crime in Oakland, crime will continue to soar."

The letter got the attention of CNN of all places, which sent a crew out to interview frustrated residents and community leaders, some of who are fed up to the point they're [packing up and leaving](#) because they don't even feel safe walking outside of their homes:

The upswing in crime has forced some Oakland residents, including Kristin Cook, to flee to other states. Cook watched with tears in her eyes as a moving pod packed with all her family's belongings was loaded onto a flatbed truck.

Although she's lived in Oakland her whole life, Cook said she's now moving to Texas for the sake of her son.

"I love Oakland. ... I can't take it anymore," she said. "I got to the point I was too scared to leave my house."

She said the rise in carjackings has made her scared to take drives at night, a pastime she once enjoyed.

"My son is about to start driving. ... I'm terrified my son is gonna be killed at a stop sign because he's driving an Impala, and I just can't, I can't risk it."

Another resident, who lives across the street from the home of a man who was [recently murdered](#) as he was trimming his hedges, says she's staying and believes things will change, but that the police [have advised](#) the use of air horns to alert neighbors to suspicious and/or criminal activity in the meantime:

After 60-year-old retiree David Schneider was shot and killed here while trimming a tree in his yard, his neighbor, Toni Bird, said she retreated indoors.

"People aren't feeling safe out of their house," she said. "It makes sense that you would want to protect your house then, right? You would barricade it."

Amid a surge in crime in Oakland, California, police have advised residents to use air horns to alert neighbors to intruders and add security bars to their doors and windows.

Bird, who moved to Oakland 2 1/2 years ago, said she took their advice to heart. She now has three air horns and five security cameras around her home.

Watch:

"I can't take it anymore. I was too scared to leave my house," says Kristin Cook, moving out of [#Oakland](#)
"We're pretty much just sitting targets," says Laurel Ace Hardware's Troy Welch. Hear from Oakland's residents what they say is untenable crime & what the city & police say [pic.twitter.com/3ZRGERKMnx](#)

— Kyung Lah (@KyungLahCNN) [August 8, 2023](#)

People in California fighting crime like: [pic.twitter.com/eK3WqcyVWV](#)

— Prison Mitch (@MidnightMitch) [August 8, 2023](#)

A similar situation is also playing out in Washington, D.C., where violent crime [has risen](#) so sharply that some [soft-on-crime](#) Democrat DC Council members are now [calling for help](#) from the National Guard:

"The crime is out of control and getting worse by the day. We must declare an emergency regarding the crime and violence in our neighborhoods and act urgently. It may be time to call on the National Guard to protect the children and innocent people that are losing their lives to this senselessness," [Councilmember Trayon] White said. "I am tired of burying our children. We are too comfortable with the state of our city. We must take action to gain control and protect our residents. Law enforcement is only one part of how we combat public safety issues. It will take all of us to heal our community."

After noting that it would take a community-wide effort to take back the city, White declared that "We are in a war zone."

"Bad things happen when good people do nothing," he also stated.

Watch:

On Tuesday, D.C. Councilmember [@trayonwhite](#) asked for the National Guard to step in amid the District's rise in crime.

MORE: <https://t.co/pOSlu6Ey0F> pic.twitter.com/ZPPKYCZkH

— 7News DC (@7NewsDC) [August 9, 2023](#)

[San Francisco's \\$1.2 billion Hayes Point tower stops construction over rampant crime and homelessness](#)



The Hayes Point tower was intended to revive the struggling downtown area of San Francisco, however a lack of tenants in the declining metro has meant construction on the \$1.2 billion building is halted.

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), who infamously [caused meltdowns](#) at the [NY Times](#) in 2020 after they published an [op-ed](#) from him arguing for that very thing during the Antifa/Black Lives Matter-led [riots](#), posted a "told ya so" tweet of sorts in response:

Protecting life and property is a core responsibility of government.

Even Democrats are now recognizing the truth that—in extraordinary circumstances—the National Guard can be necessary to restore safety & order. <https://t.co/qaGwTcP2PD>

— Tom Cotton (@TomCottonAR) [August 8, 2023](#)

How it started: How it's going: pic.twitter.com/HTM22Llbos

— End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) [August 9, 2023](#)

My thought on this is that while it's all well and good to see high-profile Democrats in "defund the police" cities raising the roof and demanding action on this issue, the problem is that they are part of the problem because they either a) are the problem (in White's case) or b) keep voting for the same types of "leaders" who enable criminal behavior in the first place, all while expecting a different result every time.

As long as they keep putting their fellow Democrats in office, these problems will continue to get worse. Just sayin'.

[US sees highest EVER spike in homelessness as country sees a record 11% increase in a year to nearly 600,000 rough sleepers: San Francisco and Oakland are 'hotbeds' with 'drug tourists' flocking to the cities](#)



The United States has seen the highest ever spike in homeless people living on the streets - as preliminary figures showed a record 11 percent spike in one year.

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<https://www.cnn.com/2023/05/03/politics/san-francisco-crime-rate-what-matters/index.html>

[What's really going on with crime in San Francisco? - CNN](#)

May 3, 2023 **San Francisco** also has lots of property **crime** because there's a great divergence of wealth and people steal things. But **San Francisco's** violent **crime** rate is at a near historic low right now.

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<https://www.sfchronicle.com/local/article/San-Francisco-s-crime-rates-shifted-16071268.php>

[San Francisco's crime rates shifted dramatically in 2020. Five charts ...](#)

From 1975 to 2015, homicides in the city decreased by 70%, rapes decreased by 50%, robberies decreased by 51% and aggravated assaults decreased by 24%, according to FBI data collected by **the...**

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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-03/san-francisco-property-crime-spikes>

[San Francisco confronts crime wave that divides neighborhood - Los ...](#)

Jan 3, 2022 Unlike in Oakland, right across the **bay**, which is facing a sharp increase, homicides in **San Francisco** jumped only slightly, from 41 in 2019 to 48 in 2020 — one of the lowest rates on record.

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<https://sfstandard.com/criminal-justice/did-crime-go-up-in-san-francisco-this-year>

[Did Crime Go Up in San Francisco This Year? - The San Francisco Standard](https://sfstandard.com/criminal-justice/did-crime-go-up-in-san-francisco-this-year)

Dec 22, 2022 Homicides are a rare **crime** and thus changes in the murder rate aren't clearly visible in overall metrics. There were 51 homicides in the city through Nov. 30, 2022, one fewer than the total for the same period in 2021. **San Francisco** saw the lowest number of homicides through the end of November in 2019, when 34 were reported to police, and the most in 2017, when SFPD logged 56.

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<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/crime-continues-to-dominate-californias-bay-area>

[Crime continues to dominate California's Bay Area](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/crime-continues-to-dominate-californias-bay-area)

Jul 31, 2023 July 31, 2023 02:54 PM. The **crime** problem is boiling over in the **Bay Area** again as the district attorneys responsible for Oakland and **San Francisco** continue to make decisions that range from ...

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[Crime Trends in California - Public Policy Institute of California](https://www.ppic.org/publication/crime-trends-in-california)

The highest rate of property **crime** was in the **San Francisco Bay Area**, at 2,718 per 100,000 residents. Violent **crime** increased in most counties . . . Of the state's 58 counties, 37 saw violent **crime rise** in 2021, with rates in 10 counties increasing by 20% or more.

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<https://missionlocal.org/2022/01/explore-how-crime-rates-changed-in-san-francisco-last-year>

[Explore: How crime rates changed in San Francisco last year](https://missionlocal.org/2022/01/explore-how-crime-rates-changed-in-san-francisco-last-year)

Jan 30, 2022 Overall, **San Francisco** Police Department data shows that there was an increase in reported **crimes** of about 12 percent, compared to 2020. But **crime** levels are still significantly lower than they were before the pandemic began. What's more, the change in **crime** rate varies considerably depending on the type of **crime** we are looking at; some increased a lot, others fell and some stayed roughly ...

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<https://abc7news.com/sf-tourist-crime-san-francisco-tourists-tourism/10571979>

[Rising crime alarms residents and tourists in San Francisco](https://abc7news.com/sf-tourist-crime-san-francisco-tourists-tourism/10571979)

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Mid-year homicide rates went up to their highest levels since 2017 while gun violence **crimes** stood at 119 so far this year, the highest it has been in decades. Burglaries also reached their highest point in recent decades, capping out at 3,717 at the end of June. Other **crimes**, such as auto thefts, also rose slightly from recent years but still ...

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<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/oakland-bay-area-rates-18259788.php>

[How surging Oakland crime rates compare with SF, rest of Bay Area](#)

6 days ago **The** city saw an encouraging five-year decline in violence in the 2010s, reaching a low point from 2017 to 2019. In those years, Oakland averaged 72 homicides a year, down 32% from its 2011 to 2013 ...

[Staggering before and after pictures lay bare the mass exodus of top brands like Crate & Barrel, CVS and Office Depot from crime-ridden San Francisco - which experts warn is stuck in 'doom loop'](#)



Hordes of brand names including the likes of Whole Food and Nordstrom have recently moved out of the California city amid widespread crime and plummeting footfall.

'San Francisco is dying': Before and after video shows the mass exodus of huge brands like Crate & Barrel, CVS and Office Depot from the crime-ridden city caught in a 'doom loop'

- The clip made up of Google screen grabs shows just how large of an exodus there has been in the city
- Big brand names have been frequently leaving the city due to a drop in footfall and widespread crime
- An employee at a Target location said earlier this year it was being robbed as often as 'every ten minutes.'

By [JOE HUTCHISON FOR DAILYMMAIL.COM](#)

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Before and after pictures have laid bare the mass exodus of huge brands from the city of San Francisco.

The video, made up of [Google](#) Maps screen grabs, shows large chain stores like Target and CVS before and after they moved out of the city.

Hordes of brand names including the likes of Whole Food and Nordstrom have recently moved out of the [California city amid widespread crime and plummeting footfall](#).

The city has also struggled for years with rampant fentanyl use and fatal overdoses, and is on pace for its deadliest year yet.

In the first five months of 2023, preliminary reports show there were 346 overdose deaths in the city - an increase of more than 40 percent from the same period in 2022.

Economists have warned the city is [spiraling into an 'urban doom loop'](#) - a vicious circle of interconnected trends and forces that send cities into economic and social ruin.

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This CVS pharmacy has been left vacant after the company decided to pull its stores in the city

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Big box retailer Office Depot also closed this location, leaving just one remaining open in the city

In the video, derelict shopfronts are shown for CBS, Target, Office Depot and Walgreens.

The Office Depot store pictured in the clip closed down in April of this year, while the Crate & Barrel store that was pictured closed in February of last year.

High theft has proved a problem in the area recently, with a Walgreens in the city center resolving to [chaining their freezers to stop shoplifters](#).

Over the past few months, dozens of retailers announced they would be vacating the downtown area of the city.

Retail stalwart Old Navy announced they would be shuttering their flagship store in the area last month, becoming the latest chain to exit the city.

It comes after [retail giant Nordstrom announced they would be closing](#) all of their locations in the city.

The company said that due to the 'changing dynamics' of San Francisco it would be shuttering all remaining stores in the next few months.

In April, [Whole Foods announced it was closing all their locations](#), with Anthropologie and Office Depot having also made the same decisions.

These stores joined the growing list of stores that have abandoned the coastal city, including H&M, Marshall's, Gap and Banana Republic.

Whole Foods had opened a new 'flagship' location at Trinity Place in the city's Tenderloin District in March of last year.

San Francisco Walgreens chains up refrigerators overnight

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A map reveals the major businesses which have left, or plan to leave, San Francisco in recent months

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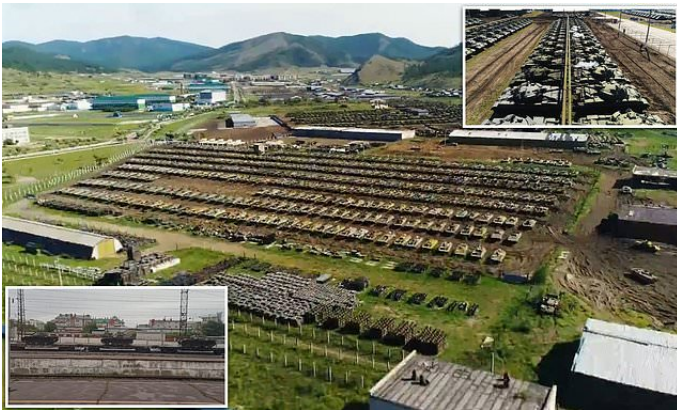
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The company had hoped to revitalize footfall after two years of COVID-19 restrictions severely impacted business in the area.

A year on and the organic food giant declared they would be closing their store 'for the time being' over safety concerns.

A disturbing recent report showed 95 retailers in downtown San Francisco have closed since the start of the COVID pandemic, a decline of more than 50 percent.

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Even the candy is under lock and key in Walgreens in San Francisco. A DailyMail.com reporter witnessed four thefts in 15 minutes at the store



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One worker said that they at least a theft ten thefts a day and that it happens every ten minutes

San Francisco Target keeps items behind barrier fearing shoplifters

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One Target store in the city has been forced to lock up more of its products to stave off thieves.

An employee at the location recently said it was being [robbed as often as 'every ten minutes.'](#)

Video footage of another Target has been shared on social media and shows large quantities of their stock now behind barriers.

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'I knew something bad would happen to her': Mother of woman, 37, whose body was found inside duffel bag dumped near music festival at San Francisco's Golden Gate Park breaks down in tears



Kelly Brock Koike's body was found inside a duffel bag at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on Sunday evening, her mom has confirmed. The death is under investigation.