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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

A Community Effort

Perhaps the fear of a burglary is frequently on your mind. In many cases, these are crimes of opportunity. They happen when a criminal spots an easy chance and takes it. You can reduce the chances of you becoming a target by following these crime prevention tips.

BURGLARY:

- Use deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Those with glass within three feet of the lock should have double cylinder deadbolts.
- Check all doors and windows before you leave.
- Make sure trees and shrubs around your home are trimmed.
- Do not leave empty boxes for electronics by the trash.
- Be aware of the people who visit your home.
- Have someone watch your home when you go out of town. Police offer Vacation Checks
- Install a good alarm system.
- Engrave expensive items such as televisions, laptops and game systems.

AUTO THEFTS:

Common Sense is Your Best Defense!

- Lock your vehicle, close all windows and sun roofs, and take your keys.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view. Items left in the open attract thieves.
- Always secure your vehicle doors.
- Never leave your keys in the ignition and the vehicle running. Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATMs and convenience stores.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or anti-theft device, use it.

BE OBSERVANT: A good description will be vital to police, so try to remember everything you can about the suspect:

- Color of hair/haircut
- Complexion
- Height /Weight
- Age/Sex
- Scars/marks/ tattoos
- Beard/mustache/sideburns
- Clothing

ADDITIONAL TIPS:

If you discover a break-in, call the police immediately. Don't enter the premises until police arrive. The thief may still be inside, or you may disturb evidence.

****REPORT:** Call the police to report crimes and suspicious activity**

For Emergency call 911, non emergency 453-5330