



Neighborhood Watch Safety Checklist

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I found the following items that need attention:

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- Garage door is open during the day – no vehicle inside (shows you aren't home)
- Vehicle is parked in the street and isn't locked
- Vehicle is parked in the street, valuables in plain sight (ie., GPS, purse, wallet, coins)
- Bicycle or other items out in plain sight (lawn mower, tools, child's motor toy, etc.) – tempting thieves to steal

These are just some of the things that attract thieves into our neighborhood. With your help, we all can stop tempting them with easy access to items by putting them away and keeping them out of sight.

Other things you can do to keep thieves from visiting you are listed on the back of this sheet. Hopefully you will review the issues marked and tips on the back and incorporate them into your everyday life to become more aware of things you might be doing or not doing that make lead to crime in our sub.

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Crime Tips to make a part of your routine

- **Putting short dowels into the tracks of your windows and door walls** can prevent them from opening our windows fully to gain access. Locking doors every time you go outside (even to work in the yard) helps.
- **If you normally leave your blinds open during the day** and go on vacation and close those blinds, thieves will probably realize nobody is home if they case the neighborhood and notice the difference.
- **When going on vacation for a week or more**, have your neighbors pick up your mail and newspapers (or better yet, have these stopped for the duration of your trip) so that they don't pile up. Thieves will notice it and take advantage by breaking in.
- **GPS Units clipped to your car windshield** – handy for you while driving, but take them both out (GPS and clip) when leaving your vehicle. It screams "STEAL ME". If you leave the clip only in the window – they will still break in to check to see if you left the GPS Unit.
- **Keep your screen doors locked** so that when someone knocks on your door or rings the doorbell, you can answer it without that person pushing their way into your home.
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