



Crime Prevention Week

November 1st to 7th, 2019

Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility



Seniors Safety

House and Home



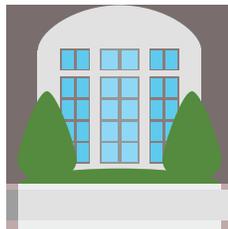
Keep doors locked at all times. Speak with a professional to access upgrading windows, doors or locks as needed to make it more difficult for an intruder to gain entry.

Use a peephole to see who is at the door. If you do not recognize the individual, do not open the door. Verify the identity of service or technician by having them show their identification – if unsure, contact the company to verify before opening the door.

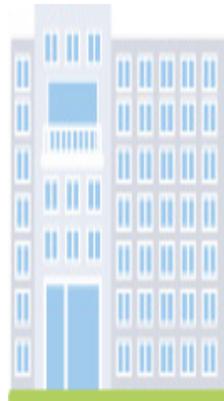


Install motion-activated lights to illuminate areas such as entrances, garages or between houses that provide hiding spots.

Ensure landscaping features do not obstruct visibility from windows or entrance ways, or offer concealment to potential intruders.



Condo or Apartment Living



Treat any entrance to your building as if it were your own front door. Do not let anyone into the building you do not personally know or are expecting, even if you recognize the person.

Before 'buzzing' anyone in, verify that they are the person you are expecting.

Secure all doors and windows. Do not assume a balcony is secure and out of reach.

Do not get on an elevator if you are suspicious or feel uncomfortable of the other occupants. Wait for the next elevator. If already on the elevator, get off. Stand near the control panel, if you need assistance push the emergency alarm button.

When entering and exiting the underground parking, wait for the gate to close behind you before proceeding. Be alert to individuals or vehicles entering behind you.

Out and About

Do not let fear of crime rule your life and stop you from doing the things that you enjoy. Simple precautions can make every outing safe and secure.

Situational awareness is important in keeping yourself safe. Be aware of what is going on around you. Be alert to other people around you, including cyclists or skateboarders. Be aware to possible hazards along walkways or sidewalks. Walk with confidence.



Do not carry large quantities of money with you. If carrying a purse, carry only the essentials you require for the occasion. When opening your purse or wallet, never allow anyone to see how much money you are carrying. Do not leave purses unattended in shopping carts or store counters.





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Safety in Your Vehicle



Park your vehicle in an open and well-lit areas. Organize your keys and other items before you approach your vehicle. Be aware of people lingering around parked vehicles. Lock the doors whenever you enter or exit the vehicle.

Do not carry valuables in your vehicle, if you must carry them, lock them in the trunk or out of sight.

If you have car trouble, put on emergency flashers and lock yourself inside. If someone stops to help, lower your window slightly, but do not get out of the car. Ask them to call a service truck or the police for you.

Consider carrying a cell phone. That way, you will not have to depend on strangers to call for help - Remember to take the cell phone with you when you leave the car.

Protect Your Money and Valuables



Do not leave valuables or money in plain sight or in easily predictable locations within your home. Create an inventory of valuables, include brief descriptions or pictures and serial numbers – store this document in a safe and secure location.

Never let a stranger into your home where you did not initiate the contact. Ask for ID from service or maintenance workers.

Keep your financial information safe. Never provide your bank account, credit card numbers or PINs to anyone – banks or government services will not ask for these details over the phone or via e-mail. Shield the keypad with your free hand when entering your PIN at a payment terminal or bank machine.

If shopping online, shop from reputable retailers and use only one credit card to pay for purchases. This makes it easier to track transactions and spot suspicious activity. Review credit and debit card statements regularly, if something does not look right contact your financial institution right away.



Do not believe a caller who is demanding payment for unpaid taxes, handling charges, or payment in advance for an offer you did not request. Such demands will often request payment by iTunes cards or similar type gift cards or demand money be transferred via bank or wire transfer.

Only donate to reputable charities that you know and trust. Do not donate to unknown charities. Be wary of individuals campaigning for donations in the aftermath of a natural disaster. Always verify the charity before donating, if little is known about them.



Never rush into making a purchase or donation because a salesperson or canvasser is pressuring you. Take time to think about and research the decision.

Shred any documents that contain personal or financial information.

