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# Crime Prevention Tips

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# October is Crime Prevention Month

- Create the habit of preventing crime for your home, car and life!
- Take the one month challenge:

If you follow these suggestions for one month, you'll be on your way to creating a more crime-free lifestyle for you, your family and your community.



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# Statistically speaking.....

In Jefferson County approximately 60% - 85% of all home burglaries and vehicle break-ins are unforced. Thieves will target unlocked vehicles in driveways and on the street. Homes have been entered through garage doors left open, doors left unlocked and open windows. Thieves will look for the easiest way to take your property!



# Opportunity doesn't always knock!

Removing the opportunity for crime to occur is the most important thing you can do!

- Removing valuables from your vehicle or putting your property out of view can reduce the temptation for theft.
- Don't leave your keys in your car, even when it's in the garage.
- You have the power to remove the opportunity from the crime triangle!

## Crime Triangle



# Home Security Checklist

- Trim all trees up from the ground by 5-6 feet.
- Trim bushes and shrubs down below all windows.
- Install motion detection lighting front and back.
- Use a “Charlie Bar” to secure rear sliding glass door. →
- Secure gates leading to your back yard.
- Ensure garage doors are closed and locked.
- Lock door between garage and house.
- Remove any home or vehicle keys from garage.
- Close blinds and/or shades.
- Replace short door strike plate screws with longer ones.



# Home Security Suggestions

- 5/8 inch screw →
- 1 ½ inch screw →
- 3 ½ inch screw →
- Replace short door strike plate screws (5/8 inch to 1 ½ inch) with 3 – 3 ½ inch long screws. This is the preferred length for home security (Some doors with windows close to the strike plate may prevent this).



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# Home Vacation Checklist

- Set interior/exterior lights on timers.
- Set radio on timer or leave on.
- Disengage overhead garage door mechanism and lock door.
- Contact Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for a vacation check.
- Notify a relative, reliable friend or neighbor of your location, phone numbers for contacts, etc.
- Suspend mail and newspaper.
- Store all valuables in a safe location.



# We are all responsible for crime prevention!

- Together we can help reduce crime in our neighborhoods. Neighbors looking out for each other is one of the first lines of defense.
- Statistics show that crime can be reduced in communities participating in a neighborhood watch program.



# Don't be a victim!

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