

THE DENVER CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIMS

PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND CAR AGAINST CRIME

To protect your home:

Light, noise and community watchfulness help prevent crime. These tips (including Neighborhood Watch) are also applicable for renters of houses and apartments who can work with management to provide proper lighting and other security measures.

- Know your neighbors. Join Neighborhood Watch and/or have a block map that includes names and telephone numbers of everyone on your block. Also, get to know your neighbors behind you. Use a phone tree to let people know about problems in the area to watch out for. Keep your neighbors informed when you will be away or if other people will be staying at your house. Create an atmosphere where people look out for each other and report suspicious activities.
- Keep porch lights and at least one light in your house on at night. Use motion detector lights and solar sensory lights.
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed around your house and outdoor lighting.
- Be familiar with the curfew law. It is against city law for youth up to the age of 18 to be out on the streets (unless going to/from work or with an adult) between 11pm and 5am, Sunday through Thursday, and 12am to 5am on Friday and Saturday. Call the police at (720) 913-2000 to report curfew violations.
- Report nonworking streetlights to Xcel Energy at 1-800-894-4999, press 1 and then 3.
- If 75% of residents in your block decide they need mid-block or mid-alley lighting installed, call the Department of Public Works at 3-1-1 (Denver Information Line) and ask for Ronaldo Ronelas or Traffic Engineering.

To protect your car:

Do not make it easy for someone to take your car on a joyride or to do damage to it.

- Again, know your neighbors; report suspicious activities to your neighbor and the police.
- ALWAYS lock your car doors and close windows, even when “momentarily” going into a house or business.
- Never leave valuables or other tempting items inside the car where they can be seen.
- Park in well-lighted areas on the street.
- Keep garage doors locked at all times. Keep garage and surrounding area well lit. Install motion detector or photocell lighting on the garage or nearby.
- Purchase a steering wheel protector and use it every time you leave the car.
- Do not leave keys hidden on the body of the car. Instead, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Install a car alarm system. Buy a car stereo system that is theft protected.

When you go away:

- Ask a neighbor to collect mail and newspapers, and offer to return the favor; or place a stop delivery order with the newspaper/post office. Empty properties can be targets for vandals.
- Put an automatic timer on at least one light and a radio. Install photoelectric sensors to turn outside lights on and off automatically.
- Tell a trusted neighbor when you're leaving and when you'll return. Include an itinerary and phone numbers where you can be reached in an emergency.

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Telephone Numbers

In an Emergency or to have the police respond immediately911
Nonemergency police assistance (720) 913-2000
Xcel Energy.....1-800-894-4999

Denver Police Community Resource Officers (for a free home security check)

District 1, 1311 W. 46th Ave.....(720) 913-0400, TTY (720) 913-0404
District 2, 3921 N. Holly Street..... (720) 913-1000, TTY (720) 913-1149
District 3, 1625 S. University Blvd.....(720) 913-1300, TTY (720) 913-1196
District 4, 2100 S. Clay Street.....(720) 913-0200, TTY (303) 937-4446
District 5, 4685 Peoria Street..... (303) 376-2300, TTY (303) 376-2306
District 6, 1566 N. Washington Street.....(720)913-2800, TTY (720) 913-2805