



Crime Prevention Tips

Attention Area Two Residents

003rd, 004th, 005th, 006th and 022nd Districts

Confidence Games/Burglary

With the onset of spring and the upcoming summer season, offenders use this time as an opportunity to commit confidence crimes and burglaries for financial gain. The Chicago Police Department is offering the following information to help safeguard against these crimes.

About These Crime

- Offenders attempt to gain entry into residences using scams such as offering to check water, and offering to clean gutters or rooftops.
- Upon gaining entry, the offenders may rummage through the residence.
- Offenders take cash and other valuables then flee.

About the Offender(s)

- Offenders wear clothing similar to real utility uniforms.
- Offenders are usually males who work in pairs or small groups.
- Offenders trade clothing and disguises in order to avoid being identified.

What You Can Do

- Be aware of this situation and alert your neighbors.
- If you have a security system in your residence, keep it maintained and learn its proper use.
- If you have video surveillance in your home, keep it maintained and up to date. Also, ensure that you know how to operate the device and how to retrieve images.
- Call 911 to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- Should you become the victim of a crime, preserve the area until police officers can process the scene for evidence.
- Keep exterior windows clear of obstructions such as shrubs and trees to ensure a clear view of the front of your residence.
- Attend your local Beat meetings to stay informed about crime in your area.

If you have any information about these crimes, call the Area 2 Detectives at
(312) 747-8273