



Don't Become a Victim!

Burglary is a crime of opportunity. But there are some simple steps that you and your neighbors can take to help prevent becoming a victim.

- Secure your home or apartment when leaving, no matter how long you will be gone. Immediately repair any broken locks on windows or doors.
- Keep the perimeter of your home well-lit.
- If you have an alarm system, make sure it is activated whenever you are away from home.
- Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios, televisions or other electrical devices.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view. Secure any cash, jewelry or personal documents in a safe location.
- Get to know your neighbors and develop strategies for keeping an eye out on your block. Knowing who lives on the block can help you all recognize when someone who is hanging out doesn't belong there.
- Inform trusted neighbors if you are going to be away from home for any length of time. Make sure someone picks up your mail, newspapers or packages.
- Always call 911 to report suspicious individuals or activity in your neighborhood. Try to provide a detailed description of the individuals, including clothing and vehicle descriptions.
- If you have been the victim of a burglary, call 311 to make a police report for insurance purposes. Provide as much information as you can about when and how you believe the burglary occurred.

Working together, you and your neighbors can make your block stronger and prevent and reduce crime. To find out how you and your neighbors can participate in neighborhood improvement activities, call Community Organizer, at 312-742-4521

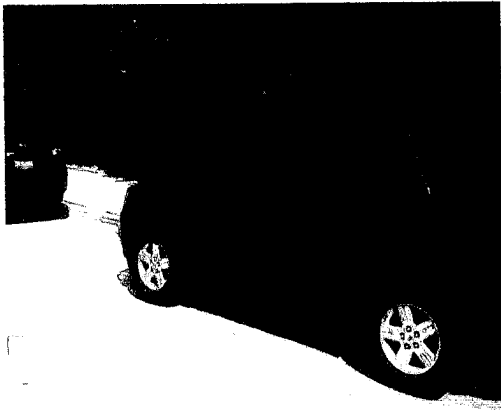


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Theft from vehicles is a crime of opportunity. But there are some simple steps that you and your neighbors can take to help prevent becoming a victim.

- Always try to park your car in a well lit location.
- Before you park your car in any location, including business parking lots, be conscious of any suspicious persons or vehicles loitering in the area.
- Always lock your car, even if you only plan to be away from it for a few minutes. Never leave a second set of keys in your car.
- Never leave items visible in your car. Any items can lead someone to try to break into your car. In particular, never leave cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, portable GPS units, purses or backpacks visible in your vehicle.
- Don't leave valuable documents in the glove compartment.
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- Always contact 911 immediately to report suspicious individuals or activity on your block. Provide a detailed description of the individuals, including a clothing description and vehicle description.
- If you have been the victim of a theft from your vehicle, call 311 to make a police report for insurance purposes. Provide as much information as you can about when and how you believe the theft occurred.

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A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO 911 CALLER ANONYMITY

As a matter of policy, call-takers are required to ask callers reporting gang- and drug-related incidents whether they would like to remain anonymous. As a result, the 911 dispatcher and the officer receiving the call do not see the caller's name or address. Any person reporting a crime may inform the call-taker that he/she wishes to remain anonymous.

While citizens who witness serious crimes have an obligation to come forward and cooperate with law enforcement authorities, it is the policy of the Chicago Police Department and the Office of Emergency Management and Communications to honor citizen requests to remain anonymous whenever possible.

- ▶ Clearly state your request to remain anonymous to the 911 call-taker.
- ▶ The call-taker will note this on the event record, which will make your information unavailable to a police dispatcher. The dispatcher will not have the caller information to pass along to police field personnel assigned to investigate the incident.
- ▶ If you call 911 again with additional information, you must request to remain anonymous again, as another call-taker may take your call.
- ▶ Do not mistake basic police investigative techniques as ignoring your wish to remain anonymous. Police officers have a duty and an obligation to canvass crime scenes for potential witnesses. Without knowing you called and requested to remain anonymous, police may knock on doors in the surrounding area attempting to locate potential witnesses.

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Your Partners for Safe Neighborhoods

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD

An organized neighborhood is a safer neighborhood. But how can you get your neighbors involved? Here are some practical tips for building safer neighborhoods — block by block, by enlisting the active participation of your neighbors. These tips should enable you and the families on your block to build and/or maintain a network of committed residents to create and sustain a safe and secure environment for all your neighbors, particularly the children and youth of your neighborhood.

✓**Get to Know Your Neighbors:** Place a high priority on building good relationships with your neighbors. Only by knowing who lives on the block can you know when strangers are hanging around. Also, neighbors are a great security system — if you have to go out of town, having someone keep an eye on your home can keep you from becoming a victim of crime. Also, getting together with your neighbors provides an opportunity to become more aware of one another's concerns, discuss issues and decide whether some collective activity is needed to address the issues and concerns discussed.

✓**Form Neighborhood Watches:** Keeping an eye out for crime is an important way you can help build a safer neighborhood. Things your neighborhood watch can or should do include establishing a telephone tree, which can help you communicate effectively with your neighbors in times of emergency, organizing neighborhood patrols, or engaging in positive loitering. Being out on the streets helps keep you informed of what's going on in the neighborhood and sends a signal that you care. Your neighborhood watch should stay in touch with your beat officers and your district's Neighborhood Relations office. Neighborhood Relations can provide you with advice and resources.

✓**Attend Your Beat Meetings:** Attending beat meetings ensures you and your neighbors that the issues, concerns and problems of your block become a part of the problem-solving process on your beat. In addition, beat meetings can provide residents of adjacent blocks the opportunity to identify and discuss trends that may be emerging in a neighborhood even if they have not yet become apparent on every single block.

✓**Work on Common Projects:** Working a community garden or cleaning the block several times a year not only makes the block more attractive for all residents, it can make it unattractive for criminals. It sends a message to everyone that the families of the block are concerned about the well-being of their children and homes and are committed to working together. Such projects can also lend a sense of stability to the block and the surrounding neighborhood.

✓**Celebrate:** Holding annual Summer (or Spring and Fall) block parties gives neighbors a chance to relax and enjoy the friendships they have built in the community and acknowledge the accomplishments the families on the block have achieved.

✓**Get Involved:** For more information about how you can get involved in community policing activities in your neighborhood, call 311 or visit the department home page at www.cityofchicago.org

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Robbers want one thing – your money or property. But there are some steps you can take to help prevent becoming a victim.

- Walk, ride, or jog with a partner.
- Avoid dark, isolated places – don't don't walk or park there.
- Be alert, look around. Avoid wearing headphones or talking on your cell phone.
- Keep at least one hand free – don't carry bulky purses or parcels.
- Don't wear expensive jewelry where it is visible, particularly gold chains or necklaces. When on the street, keep jewelry concealed under your clothing.
- Late at night, have someone meet you at the bus or train station. Have the taxi driver watch while you enter your home.
- On public transportation, try to use the busiest, best-lit stop possible, both to get on and off the bus or train.
- Have your house and car keys out and ready to use.
- Follow your instincts – if you feel threatened, go to the nearest open store or business. Call 911 immediately.
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008th DISTRICT COMMUNITY ALERT



*******USE EXTREME*******

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BEWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

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- BEWARE** IF YOU DID NOT PERSONALLY CALL OR SIGN UP FOR WORK TO BE DONE...THEN THERE IS NO WORK TO BE DONE.
- BEWARE** YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY MONEY TO ANY CITY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY AT YOUR DOOR. ALL BILLS COME IN THE MAIL. IF YOU OVER PAY A BILL, A CREDIT WILL BE MADE TO YOUR NEXT BILL.
- BEWARE** IF YOU RECEIVE A SOLICITATION LIKE THIS OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF SOLICITATION WHERE PEOPLE COME TO YOUR DOOR AND WANT TO COME INTO YOUR HOUSE THIS IS A CON MEN SCAM.

*****YOU NEED TO REPORT CON MEN SCAMS TO 911***
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BEWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- BEWARE** THE CHICAGO POLICE DO NOT CALL YOUR HOME ASKING FOR BAIL MONEY. THE CHICAGO POLICE WILL NOT COME TO YOUR HOME FOR BAIL MONEY.
- BEWARE** IF SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND NEEDS YOU TO BAIL THEM OUT YOU WILL RECEIVE A PHONE CALL DIRECTLY FROM THE PERSON NEEDING BAIL.
- BEWARE** BONDING SOMEONE OUT CAN ONLY BE DONE IN PERSON AT THE CHICAGO POLICE STATION WHERE THE PERSON IS IN CUSTODY.
- BEWARE** IF YOU RECEIVE A SOLICITATION LIKE THIS OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF SOLICITATION WHERE PEOPLE COME TO YOUR DOOR. THIS IS A **SCAM**. YOU NEED TO REPORT IT TO **911** AND THE COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE AT 312-742-4521 IMMEDIATELY.

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

911

- * Police and Fire Emergencies
- * Crime in progress
- * Immediate threat to life/bodily injury
- * Major property damage or loss
- * Dispatch of a squad car

*** Gang- and Narcotics-related calls can be made anonymously ***

311

- Graffiti Removal
- Pot Hole in Street
- Tree Trim
- Abandoned Vehicle Complaint
- Rodent Baiting/ Rat Complaint
- Building Violation
- Street/Alley Light Out
- Sanitation Code Violation
- Garbage Cart New, Damaged, Additional, Stolen
- Pot Hole
- Alley Sewer Inspection
- Animal - Inhumane Treatment
- Animal in Trap
- City Program and Service Brochure Request
- Building - Illegal Conversion
- Bungalow Rehab/Purchase Information
- Cable TV Complaint
- Clean Vacant Lot
- Clean and Green Program

- Consumer Fraud Complaint
- Consumer Retail
- Dead Animal Pick-up
- Emergency Food
- Extreme Weather Notification
- Fire Safety Inspection
- Fly Dumping
- Garbage Pick-Up
- Home Buyer Programs
- Hydrant Damaged
- Ice and Snow Removal
- Landlord/Tenant Information
- Lead Inspection
- Mail File
- No Building Permit and Construction Violations
- No Heat
- Operating Without a Business License
- Parking Meter, Missing or Broken
- File a Police Report after a crime

- Porch Inspection
- Private Drain Program
- Pushcart Food Vendor Problem
- Request for Speakers
- Restaurant Complaint
- Senior Information, Literature, and Assistance
- Senior Well Being Check
- Sewer Cleaning Inspection
- Sidewalks Cracked or Broken
- Street or Traffic Signs - Missing or Damaged
- Stray Animal
- Street Light Pole Damage or Pole Door Missing
- Street Lights All Out
- Street Lights On Days
- Tax Assistance
- Tree Debris
- Tree Planting or Removal
- Vacant/Abandoned Building
- Viaduct Cleaning
- Viaduct Lights Out
- Water - Low Pressure
- Water in Basement
- Water on the Street
- Weed Cutting
- Wire Basket

*** and more!

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