



Burglary Prevention: Community Safety Tips



We have experienced an increase in burglaries citywide in recent weeks. The Phoenix Police Department is taking proactive steps to deter future crimes, and we need your help to do so. The following are some common sense safety tips to help make your home more secure.

As a first line defense to these burglaries, having citizens who are aware and informed is crucial. As the weather becomes nice outside, many people choose to leave arcadia doors and windows open. These unsecured openings are easy targets for the opportunistic burglar. Unsecured doggie doors also provide easy access to homes. If you have a doggie door, securing it properly is vital.

Lock all gates to your backyard, install motion activated lighting and obtain a home security system if possible. These are all excellent steps to make your residence less attractive to criminals.

Additionally, having an inventory of valuables including serial numbers is very helpful in the event items are stolen. The precinct has etching equipment available to assist you with inscribing an identification number onto your valuables.

These tips are also applicable to vehicles. Lock your doors, roll up your windows and ensure that there are no items left in view within the vehicle. This is especially important during the holiday season when most of us park at shopping malls, but following these procedures at home is an excellent practice as well.

Be a good neighbor. Keep a watchful eye on your neighborhood. Call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 to report suspicious persons or vehicles that are uncommon to the area.

Following these simple tips will be a great start to keeping you and yours safe this holiday season and beyond! For additional information please contact your Community Action Officer at 602-495-5007.

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