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PREVENT PACKAGE THEFT!



Prevention Tips:

- Encourage family and neighbors to pick up packages as soon as possible as after they are delivered.
- Track your packages. Try to be present at the time of delivery. Many mail carriers allow you to track your shipment online.
- Be neighborly. If you can't pick up your mail ask a neighbor to do it for you.
- The U.S. Postal Service can also hold your mail if you travel during the holidays.



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BURGLARY CRIME PREVENTION



- ✓ Secure
- ✓ Protect
- ✓ Prevent



What is a burglary?

A burglary is when someone uses force to enter a home or business, with the intent of stealing your property or committing some other felony — the burglary occurs at the moment of the breaking and entering.

Prevention Tips:

Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars.

Use a secondary blocking device on all sliding glass doors such as locking pin, wood/metal rod, or charley bar.

Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.

Prevention Tips Continued:

Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and TV's. Make your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home.

Keep the perimeter of your home well lit.

Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted friend collect mail and newspapers while you are away so items do not accumulate.

Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home.

Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. Large and ornate hedges provide a hiding place for burglars.



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Do not communicate solely through an app or online. It's best to talk to potential seller or buyer on the phone.

Only meet a potential buyer or seller in a public place.

Exchange items in well-lit, populated areas.

AVOID CELL PHONE THEFT

Never go to the transaction location alone. Always bring a second person with you.

Trust your instincts. If the deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Never invite a buyer to your home.

Practicing good personal safety habits is the best way to protect yourself in any environment. Are you using online purchase/sell apps to make extra cash or get a bargain? These interactions can also be targeted by thieves. Be smart with your phone in order to avoid cell phone theft!



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ROBBERY CRIME PREVENTION



- ✓ Be Alert
- ✓ Be Smart
- ✓ Trust Your Instincts



What is a robbery?

A robbery is when someone steals or takes anything of value from you — against your will and with the intent of permanently depriving you of your property — by using force, intimidation or violence.

Prevention Tips:

Be aware of your surroundings and walk with a purpose. Don't look like an easy target. Robbers want someone who will provide the least resistance. Look like you know where you are going, walk with your head up and eyes alert.

Have your car key ready before you approach the car so that you can make your entry into the vehicle as quickly as possible. When you are looking for your keys, you may be distracted from what is going on around you.

Prevention Tips Continued:

If you are selling or buying an item via apps or online services, it is best to talk to the seller/buyer over the phone, as opposed to talking solely through the application.

If you think you are being followed, do not go home. Go to a safe place such as a police station, fire station, business or other populated area.

Avoid isolated areas or taking a "shortcut" through poorly lit, alleys, parking lots, and after-hour businesses.

Be conscious of people just "hanging around", especially near pay phones, public rest rooms, building entrances and garages.

Keep any valuables in the trunk, in a locked glove compartment, or out of sight whenever traveling or leaving a vehicle parked.

