



The Lexington Police Department and You...

Working together for a brighter future!

SAFETY TIPS

- Engrave all your valuables with “**Identifying Initials** or **Numbers**”. Photograph all valuable items in your apartment and consider extra insurance on guns and jewelry.
- Become familiar with your neighbors and their vehicles.
- Watch out for vehicles, especially suspicious ones. If you see a “prowling” car, truck, or van in your complex, write down the license number and description of the vehicle and its occupants. Also note the time that it occurred. Report suspicious vehicles to the Police Department and/or to your courtesy officer (if available).
- Do not give out any information about your home or family over the phone. Do not display your name on a mailbox or plaque. Burglars can phone ahead to make sure no one is home.
- Do not advertise that you are living alone. Single women should list their names in the phone directory with only the first and middle initial.
- Do not tell strangers when you will be away from home. If going out of town, have a trusted neighbor take care of your mail and newspapers.
- Contact management if you feel your door locks are not working correctly to your apartment. Aftermarket locks are available for sliding doors and windows that clamp to the track. Sliding glass doors can be secured by cutting a length of wooden dowel to fit in the track to block movement of the door.
- Contact management if shrubbery is overgrown to the point that it blocks doors and windows. These are excellent hiding places for criminals.
- Never open your door to strangers. Is a peephole installed so that you can properly identify visitors before opening your door?
- Have outside lights on at night, if your outside light is not working, contact management.
- Always lock your car doors and roll up the windows when leaving, even for a short period of time. Remember the criminal is watching and waiting for that perfect opportunity.
- In 86% of cases of thefts from a vehicle, the item was visible and 22% of the time the vehicle was **UNLOCKED!**
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, such as wallets, purses, laptop computers, briefcases and jewelry, **especially at night!**

Neighborhood Crime Watch is a family program. People of all ages can be very helpful in making Your “Watch” work effectively. Anyone interested in starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch should call the Lexington Police Department at 359-6260 for information.

STAY ALERT AND BE AWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND YOU!