



The Lexington Police Department and You...

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SAFETY TIPS

- Engrave all your valuables with “**Identifying Initials** or **Numbers**”. Photograph all valuable items in your home 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 neighborhood, write down the license number and description of the vehicle and its occupants. Report suspicious vehicles to the Police Department and to your Block Captain if you have a Neighborhood Crime Watch.
- Do not give out any information about your home or family over the phone. Do not display your name on a mailbox or plaque – only display the street number. 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 someone take care of your mail and newspapers. You may also have a property check done while you are out of town by contacting the police department and completing a request form.
- Install double cylinder deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and appropriate locks for sliding doors and windows.
- Prune shrubbery so it doesn’t block doors and windows.
- Never open your door to strangers. Install a peephole so that you can properly identify visitors before opening your door.
- Keep garage doors closed and locked.
- Have outside lights on at night.
- Don’t leave valuables in your vehicle – 86% of stolen items were visible and 75% of the vehicles were UNLOCKED!
- Don’t give credit card, bank account or social security number to verify a free vacation, prize or gift.
- Ladies, carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. When dropping off or picking up children at the daycare, **DO NOT** leave your purse in the car.

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!