

# Public Safety Bulletin: Property Crimes



You need to report all property crimes to 911 or 553-0123 (non-emergency police #) or 311. Get a tracking number or CAD number. This is the only way police know there is an increase in crime in your area

**Emergency: 911**

**Police Non-Emergency: 553-0123**

**Local Government: 311**

	<b>How To Prevent</b>	<b>If a Crime Occurs What to do / Who to Call</b>	<b>What Not to Do</b>
<b>Car Break-Ins</b>	Do not leave anything in your parked car. Lock all doors to your car. Be aware of people casing out your car and block and call 911 or 553-0123.	Always report car break-ins to the police Call 311 or 553-0123 and get a tracking or cad# Report crime to your neighbors. Check car for anything such as cans left behind by criminals.	Do not leave keys to residence or you garage door opener in the car. Do not cover items in your car with a blanket. This is a beacon for criminals. Do not leave keys to your residence in car.
<b>Car Thefts</b>	Always lock your doors. Use of The Club can help. Let neighbors know if you are parking your car and leaving for a few days.	Always report the theft. Call 911 because your car may be used in other crimes. If you locate your car be sure to notify police before using it or you might be picked up. Look for items left behind by the thief.	Do not spend a lot of time loading your trunk and attracting a lot of attention. Do not fail to report the theft---it can save you a lot of problems if the car is used in another crime.
<b>Cell Phone and Electronic Device Theft</b>	If walking or riding the bus, look up often and be aware. Do not leave device unattended. Try getting a device with a kill switch.	Always report the theft--if it has just happened, call 911. Practice being aware, Thieves often work together to identify victims. Try to get a description. Look at shoes.	Do not keep your head down looking at your device especially in a crowd. Do not lose awareness especially in a café.
<b>Purse, Briefcase or Shopping Bag Theft</b>	Do not carry lots of shopping bags on the bus. Look around and practice being aware. Try walking with a buddy if late at night.	Always report the crime. If just happened call 911. Try to get a description of the thief--look at shoes.	Do not hold on to item if in the process of being stolen--you may get injured. Do not keep lots of valuable items in purse or briefcase.
<b>Home and Business Break-Ins</b>	If you are a business install a camera--they are cheap and easy to get. If going away let neighbors and apartment manager know--have them pick up the mail. Alarms are an excellent deterrent. Make sure all locks are working and locked before leaving.	Always report the crime. If you think the burglar is still inside call 911. Look for items left behind by the thieves.	If you are going away, do not advertise your trip on Facebook and other social media sites. Do not leave doors unlocked between garage and main house.