

Crime Prevention Tips

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Vehicle Safety

- Always lock your vehicle.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle or use your trunk.
- Before walking out to your vehicle, have your keys in your hand ready to unlock/start it.
- Scan the area around your vehicle for anything suspicious—if you see something that doesn't look right, don't walk to your car! Call the police!
- Scan the interior of your vehicle before getting in.
- Once inside your vehicle, lock the doors!

Safety at Home

- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Shut blinds/drapes at dusk.
- Keep bushes/shrubs trimmed.
- Don't go to the door if someone knocks who you don't know or feel good about (if in doubt, call the police!).
- If you have a safe, make sure it's weighted or bolted to the floor (consider a quality gun safe for valuables).
- Be aware of the types of locks on your doors (i.e. double-keyed locks or keyed/switch locks on doors with a window that can be broken and entry gained).
- Have your door key in your hand when you approach your residence.

Safety at Home

- Maintain quality lighting outside, consider motion lights.
- If you go out of town, have your mail/newspaper stopped or picked up by someone you trust.
- Consider having someone turn lights on or use a timer for lights when out of town.
- Before you enter your house upon returning home, unlock the door and stand outside listening for anyone who may be inside.

Safety Away From Home

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times!
- Always carry a cell phone with you.
- As the holidays approach, use caution when driving (people will be in a hurry, not paying attention, and possibly intoxicated!).
- Ladies, never leave your purse unattended in your shopping cart.
- Never leave your children unattended when shopping.
- Be aware of your surroundings when placing purchases in your vehicle.

Bystander Apathy

- Be aware of your surroundings! If something “doesn’t look right,” call the police!
- YOU ARE NOT BOTHERING US!
- We are here to investigate all calls for service. If there is nothing to the call then there is nothing to it. But what if there is something to it and you never call? (see video below)
- [YouTube - Bystander Effect - people watch girl being abducted](#)

Always Remember:

- You are never wrong to call the police!
- If you live in Wake Forest city limits, dial ***556-9111***
- If you live outside Wake Forest, dial ***911***
- ***We would rather you call us and not need us than need us and not call us!***
- ***Remember bystander apathy!***