

Crime Prevention Tips From Dayton Police



- 1 Turn off your car, lock the doors and windows, and take your keys when leaving your car unattended.
- 2 Park in well-lit, high-traffic areas.
- 3 Never leave valuables in your car; but if you do, place them in the trunk out of sight. Even visible spare change can provoke a break-in.
- 4 Clean the GPS mount suction cup mark from your windshield or dashboard; hide or take the GPS with you.
- 5 Remove/hide garage openers when parked outside your garage.
- 6 Consider a car alarm or other anti-theft devices.

1 ALWAYS lock all doors and windows when leaving your residence.

2 Install 1.5" deadbolt locks and wide angle 180-degree peepholes when useful.

3 Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed to keep entry points visible and limit roof access.

4 Build relationships with neighbors and use a neighborhood crime watch program.

5 NEVER hide your keys outside your residence! A determined thief could be watching, and will find it, no matter how well hidden.

6 Make sure your address is visible from the street for police and other safety personnel.

7 When leaving for an extended period: Stop mail delivery. Notify police and/or a trusted neighbor to check on your property. Use timers for lights and appliances to give the illusion of occupancy.

8 Consider a home security system.



Pet Theft Prevention:

- Use ID methods such as collar tags and micro-chipping.
- Have recent photos of your pet on file as well as any ID numbers.
- Regularly check on pets when they're in your yard. It only takes a moment for someone to jump a fence and steal an animal.
- Spay/neuter your pet to help prevent wandering or breeding theft.
- Don't leave any pet unattended in a public place such as a parking lot or grocery store.
- If your pet disappears, contact the Humane Society (268-PETS) and the police (333-COPS) immediately.

