



## Crime Prevention Information



### Apartment Crime Prevention

THIEVES LOVE APARTMENTS! Apartments provide a concentrated opportunity for a variety of crimes including Burglary, Auto-Theft, Car Break-Ins and Vandalisms, Personal Assault, and Robbery.

A higher ratio of crime occurs in apartment complexes than in most residential neighborhoods. This is due to many factors including population density, a high concentration of cars parked together, unfamiliarity and anonymity of residents, the transient nature of some complex populations, and numerous dark corners on the property.

#### WHAT APARTMENT RESIDENTS CAN DO

- Promptly report safety hazards to management (lighting damaged/missing, gaps in fences, overgrown shrubbery, malfunctioning door locks, etc.)
- Keep porch lights ON
- Lock deadbolts, window latches, sliding doors
- Request and use peepholes in doors
- Know neighbors by name, recognize their vehicles
- Resolve to report suspicious people and activity to police and management IMMEDIATELY
- Lock cars, NEVER leave them running
- Remove ALL valuables from parked cars (including i-Pods, CDs, purses, cell-phones, change, etc.)
- Take removable faces off car stereo equipment
- Secure vehicles with a CLUB or similar device
- Secure firearms in safes and/or with gun locks (FREE from CPD)
- Pay attention when walking in public
- Be suspicious of strangers

A Neighborhood Crime Watch CAN be established in an apartment complex. Consult with your manager about starting one.

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