

Crime Prevention Tip:

Want to know what the best crime prevention tool is? The answer might surprise you. A **GOOD NEIGHBOR!** How well do you know yours?

Law Enforcement cannot be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors are. You often know what's going on in your neighborhood.

Put your neighborhood knowledge to good use. It's easy! Use your eyes and ears, and then your telephone. If you see or hear something suspicious, call the police immediately.

Don't try and stop a criminal by yourself. It's dangerous!

Neighbors working in conjunction with law enforcement are one of the best crime-fighting teams around.

For more information on how to make your neighborhood a safer place to live, or to start a Neighborhood Watch program, please contact the West Jordan Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (801) 256-2032 or (801) 256-2033.



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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY



HOME SAFETY TIPS

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THE FACTS ABOUT BURGLARY:

- In 2007, criminals committed over 15,500 burglaries in the state of Utah.
- In many burglaries, no force is ever used. Most burglars gain entry into your home through unlocked and/or open doors and windows.



MOST BURGLARIES CAN BE PREVENTED:

- Always close and lock your windows and doors, even if you'll be away for "just a minute." Keep your garage door closed, too.
- Never leave a house key available - Under a doormat, a flowerpot, or on a ledge near the door. ***Burglars will usually check those places first!***

Make life tough on the bad guys!

- All exterior doors should have "dead bolt" locks with a 1 inch steel bolt that extends into the door frame.
- Install a wide-angle "peephole" viewer in the front door. Never open your door unless you are sure who is outside.
- Sliding doors and windows should all have auxiliary locks, as well as "ventilation" locks to bolster security.
- Make sure to use good quality locks on doors leading to the garage, basement, and on other doors leading out from storage areas or spare rooms.
- Need more information on locks? Be sure to contact your local police agency for additional tips.
- Always close and lock your windows and doors.
- Use timers so that interior lights, radios, and televisions cycle on and off throughout the home while you are away, so that it gives the appearance that you are home.
- Planning to be away from home for an extended time? Be sure to stop the mail and newspaper delivery, or have a trusted neighbor collect these items daily.
- Consider installing a home alarm system.
- Whenever you move into a new home, have the locks changed or re-keyed.
- In short, try and make your home looked "lived in" while you are away.

Operation Identification:

Another way to deter crime is to use Operation Identification (Operation ID).

- Mark or engrave your valuables with your driver's license number, preceded by the letters "UT". Crooks don't want marked property items as it makes it more difficult for them to fence, and it's evidence of guilt if they are caught with the item(s) in their possession.



- Post Operation ID stickers in doors and windows to warn crooks to stay away.
- Photograph or videotape items that cannot be engraved (jewelry, silverware, antiques, etc.) for insurance purposes.
- Operation ID can help facilitate the return of items if and when they are discovered.