



CRIME DETERRENTS/SAFETY TIPS

EVERYONE is a potential target
Only YOU can make yourself and your property less attractive to criminals

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Establish an organized active Neighborhood Watch and COMMUNICATE regularly!
A community working together is much stronger than individuals working alone
Neighborhood Watch signs deter criminals and signal SDPD that your neighborhood is working in conjunction with the police

STAY INFORMED ON CURRENT CRIME IN YOUR AREA- - SIGN UP FOR....

Nextdoor.com

Establish a nextdoor.com Private Group for members of your local Neighborhood Watch to communicate quickly and privately within your Neighborhood Watch
You can use the settings to get Crime & Safety and Urgent Alerts only as well and get only one email a day if you are not interested in other nextdoor.com offerings

CrimeMapping.com

Current information on the types and frequency of crime within a 2 mile radius of your home. You will get one email a day

ALARM SYSTEMS

Install an alarm system
Utilize on a consistent basis - an unarmed system will not protect you
Consider adding a "booster alarm" to your present system to make it more audible in the event of a home invasion
Mount the alarm control panel where it cannot be seen from the from any doors or windows of your home.

CAMERAS

Install video cameras and clean the camera lenses periodically to ensure a clear video, should you ever need to retrieve tapes for identification purposes

SIGNAGE

Neighborhood Watch signs
Yard signs
 Security company logo signs
 24 Hour video surveillance signs
 "Beware of Dog" signs (even if you don't have a dog)
 Private Property-No Trespassing signs
 "No Solicitors" signs posted near doorbell
Clearly mark your address in front (and rear, if on an alley) of your home, and on the curb in reflective letters to enable Emergency Responders to locate you quickly.

RING DOORBELL/RING FLOODLIGHT CAM

Install in the front and the rear of your home
Ring Doorbell captures video and audio triggered by either motion or an actual ring
A Ring Doorbell will allow you to see and speak with anyone at your door via the Ring App on your smart phone, even if you are not at home.
Ring creates a video/audio record that can be saved and retrieved...very helpful to the police.

STRANGERS AT YOUR DOOR

Never open the door to anyone you do not know, as they could force their way into your home

Indicate that the home is occupied, by speaking through the locked door to let the person know that you are at home, or via your Ring doorbell App to give the impression that you are home, even when you are away. Criminals prefer unoccupied homes.

LOCK UP

- Do not leave unattended windows or doors open/unlocked
- Keep all front, side, and back gates locked at all times
- Lock the door between your attached garage and your home
- Use dowels in window and patio door tracks
- SDPD will tell you that 90% of burglaries are the result of the inattention of homeowners

LIGHTING

- You can never have too much outdoor lighting. Criminals love dark homes and yards
- Exterior motion detectors set from dusk to dawn
- Interior lighting on timers
- Look like you are at home even when you are not. A dark home is an invitation to burglars
- Leave music/TV on to make it appear that you are home

MAILBOXES/MAIL/NEWSPAPERS/NOTES

- Install secure mailboxes that prevent anyone from accessing your mail
- Pick up newspapers shortly after they are delivered
- Put a "hold" on your mail/newspapers when you are away, or ask a neighbor to collect them
- Don't leave notes on your door when you are away from home
- Shred any paperwork that bears your name, address or any financial/account information

KEYS

- Do not hide keys on your property. Give your key to a neighbor
- Put your car keys beside your bed at night. so that if you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, you can press the panic button for your car alarm
- A car alarm going off in the middle of the night is bound to spook most burglars and alert your neighbors

VEHICLES

- Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle
- Lock your car
- Do not leave any contents visible in your car (including charger wires)

PERSONAL PROPERTY

- Photograph/Video every room in your home including valuable contents that may be in closets or drawers
- Photograph your jewelry
- Keep a list of serial numbers on valuable items
- Keep all this information off-site in a secure location
- The records you can provide the police or your insurance company are paramount in locating fenced items and getting reimbursed by your insurance company

*****IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING*****

POLICE STAFFING IS TIED TO THE NUMBER OF REPORTS THEY RECEIVE
If you fail to report suspicious or criminal activity, SDPD does not know what is taking place, and we will not get the police coverage that is warranted. We are their eyes and ears! Keep them informed!