



Crime Prevention Strategies

Due to an increase in burglaries and thefts in our city, the Prior Lake Police Department would like to urge citizens to implement these crime prevention strategies:

- Use a Post Office Box to mail outgoing checks. Thieves have been removing mail from personal mailboxes to fraudulently access bank accounts.
- Lock your vehicles and keep any valuables inside out of sight.
- Keep garage doors shut when are not at home.
- Lock the service door from the garage into the house.
- Lock all windows in the basement and on the main floor.
- Lock sliding glass doors and place a wooden bar or metal rod into the track to prevent the door from being forced open.
- Install exterior lighting in the front and back of your home as a crime deterrent.
- Trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows, which otherwise could provide an area of concealment for a burglar.
- Get to know your neighbors so you can communicate when something seems unusual or out of place.
- Finally, if you do see or hear anything that is out of place or concerning to you, report it to the police.