



Alert Neighborhood Crime Prevention Tips

The Best Crime Prevention
is A Trusted Neighbor



Know Your Neighbors

- Either side/across the street/behind you
- Neighborhood becomes safer
- Create a sense of community
- Someone to watch your house
- Have a close emergency go to
- NOTIFY POLICE if you see suspicious activity

Outside of Residence

- Lock all doors, windows and garage
- Lock gates to backyard
- Don't leave spare key outside of house
- Lock garage door to outside patio or yard
- Keep garage door closed when not outside
- Put 3"-4" screws in outside door hinges
- Use a flip lock on entrance doors
- Lock your car and remove valuable items
- Keep garage door opener out of sight
- If you can afford to, install security cameras
- Leave coach lights on at night
- Trim shrubs in front of windows so burglars can't hide behind them easily

Inside the House

- Double lock doors
- Take photos of jewelry/store in safe place
- Take inventory of TV's, computers, and valuable electronics
- Record serial numbers/take pictures of items and download to thumb drive
- Use a lockable filing cabinet for check-book, statements, important documents
- Use a dowel rod in window/patio door tracks
- If you can afford to, install a security alarm
- Solicitors in City Limits must have a permit and badge from the City Clerk

When On Vacation

- Stop mail and paper delivery
- Install timers on electronics: lamps, radio, TV
- Have a neighbor/family member park in your driveway
- Have someone mow your yard
- Have someone set your trash cart by curb
- DO NOT post photos on social media until you return home

Protecting Yourself

- Park or walk in well-lit areas
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Pay attention to the people around you
- Trust when something doesn't seem right
- Have keys out/ready as you head to your vehicle

Protection from Identity Theft

- Keep track of bank account and charges
- If you will be out of town, notify your bank since they monitor spending routines
- Shred any mail with name, address, account numbers
- Monitor accounts and credit often
- Check credit card statements
- Stop unsolicited credit card offers
- Place security freezes and alerts on accounts
- Pay bills online if possible
- Take bills to post office for mailing
- Remove mail from mailbox everyday
- Store important papers in a safety deposit box or non-removable safe
- Secure your internet from unwanted access

911 vs. 918 – If you dial 911 by accident
**PLEASE do not hang up the phone – STAY on
and tell the Dispatch Operator it was an error**

For more information on Alert Neighborhood Program:
www.cityofowasso.com/192/Alert-Neighborhood-Program