



REMINDERS TO HELP KEEP YOUR VEHICLES AND PROPERTY SAFE

NON-EMERGENCY 440-884-1234

EMERGENCY ONLY 911

1. LOCK YOUR CARS

The majority of all theft from auto cases is the result of not locking your car doors. Thieves look for easy opportunities.

2. REMOVE VALUABLES FROM INSIDE YOUR VEHICLE

Don't leave purses, wallets, laptops, GPS units, etc. in sight. Take them in with you or lock them in your trunk.

3. TURN ON OUTSIDE LIGHTING TO ILLUMINATE YOUR DRIVEWAY/PROPERTY

Lights, including motion sensitive lights, are a great deterrent to criminal activity.

4. LOCK YOUR FRONT DOOR(S), SIDE DOOR(S), AND CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOOR WHILE WORKING IN YOUR BACKYARD.

While you are pre-occupied working in your backyard, a thief can easily enter your home undetected through your front door or man door of your attached garage. Thieves can also remove bikes, tools, and gas powered equipment from an open garage.

5. DON'T ALLOW UNINVITED SALES/REPAIR PEOPLE INTO YOUR HOME

A common scam is for a person claiming to be a sales/repair guy doing work in the area. Once they get into your home they will distract you in some way, while another person who is with them enters your home/garage undetected. That person then steals items. The theft may not be discovered for days.

6. DON'T LEAVE YOUR WINDOWS UNLOCKED OR OPEN WHEN LEAVING THE HOUSE

Leaving windows open for fresh air while you are gone allows for easy access to your home. Primarily any windows on the rear of the house.

7. Report any unusual and/or suspicious activity to the police department. Many arrests are made because a concerned resident called the police. You know your neighborhood better than anyone else. Who belongs? What's not right? Should they be there? If you are going to be gone from your home for an extended period of time, ask someone you trust to watch your home. You can also fill-out a vacation form at the police station.

The Parma Heights Police Department offers a free HOME SECURITY SURVEY. Call Sergeant Jeff Krepina to schedule an appointment with an officer. 440-884-1234