



The Willard Neighborhood Association

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2009 Crime Prevention Tips

- 1) **Use outdoor lighting, and keep trees and bushes trimmed:** Keep the outside of your home well lit at night by installing motion sensors and keeping the porch light on at night. Clear tall bushes to prevent hiding places for criminals.
- 2) **Maintain personal safety:** When walking at night, bring a flashlight and whistle. Change directions or cross the street if you feel unsafe.
- 3) **Keep eyes on the street:** Call the Berkeley police non-emergency number (981-5911) if you see any suspicious persons or activity. Program emergency numbers into your home and cell phone.
- 4) **Know your neighbors:** Introduce yourself to all of your immediate neighbors; let them know when you plan to be out of town, etc.
- 5) **Lock doors and windows:** Don't leave your house, garage or vehicle exposed at any time.
- 6) **Install and use alarm systems:** Don't wait until after your house is burglarized to install an alarm system. Once you have it, use it.
- 7) **Keep your car clean:** Don't leave any visible valuables in cars parked on street or in the driveway. Use a steering-wheel locking device (i.e., "club") to prevent theft.
- 8) **Start a neighborhood watch group:** Contact the Berkeley Safe Neighborhoods Committee for information about how to form and register your group; go to www.bsnc.org or bsnc@bsnc.org.
- 9) **Volunteer for WNA crime subcommittee:** Willard Neighborhood Association members are working to keep our neighborhood safe. If you are interested in helping out, contact: Joe Halperin at joelynn@comcast.net or 981-1993.

Berkeley resources/phone numbers:

- Emergency: 911
- Emergency cell: 981-5911
- Non-emergency: 981-5900

Berkeley Police Department Web site: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/police