



Simple Steps To Protect Yourself From Crime

- 1 Get to know your neighbors.** The better you and your neighbors know each other, the more likely you are to know if something is wrong.
- 2 Keep your yard groomed and free of trash.** A clean, well groomed neighborhood sends a message to would-be criminals that you and your neighbors care about your community. Overgrown shrubbery provides criminals a place to hide.
- 3 Leave lights on— inside and outside.** Light makes it look like your home is occupied. And, makes it easier for police or neighbors to see suspicious activity. Keep your porch light on all night every night. It costs just \$1.50 per month.
- 4 Keep your doors and windows locked.** An unlocked door or window provides opportunity for a burglar.
- 5 Paint out graffiti— fast.** A neighborhood cluttered with graffiti invites crime. It sends a message that you don't care about your community.
- 6 Make it look like someone's home.** Burglars are less likely to break into a home that's occupied— or into a home that appears to be occupied.
- 7 Walk only in well-lit areas.** This allows you to see and avoid would-be assailants. And, be observant of your surroundings while walking.

