



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE

SAFETY BULLETIN

- Never leave valuables inside your vehicles whether at your residence or out running errands. While it can be cumbersome to hide your property inside your vehicle, it only takes a few seconds for you to become a victim when prevention could have otherwise prevented you from becoming one.
- Always remember to close and lock your garage doors both at night and during the daytime.
- Never leave garage door openers visible inside your vehicle. Suspects can easily gain entry into your residence through use of a garage door opener inside an unsecured vehicle. If your garage is equipped with an on and off switch from within your home, turn it off for the night which would make the garage door opener ineffective.
- Secure any ladders outside of the home or shed. Leaving them out and around doors and windows can give someone an advantage to entering your residence via a second floor window.
- Delaware law (Title 21/4198K) states that all children under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet whether as an operator of a bicycle or passenger. This is to include children that are being restrained or being towed by a bicycle. No one can predict when an accident may occur so let's be safe and make sure that everyone is wearing the proper head gear.
- The use of cell phones while driving on Delaware roadways is strictly prohibited. Please use a Bluetooth if it is absolutely necessary for you to talk on the phone and never text while driving.
- When listing family in friends in the address book of your cell phone always use names. Do not use words such as "spouse", "husband", "child". Thieves have stolen cell phones and used them to text family members asking for PIN numbers and other personal information.
- As always stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings while you are out and about with your family or by yourself. Be mindful in places such as the bank or supermarket, especially after obtaining cash from the ATM or checkout. A new scam in Delaware is suspects follow people, especially the elderly, home to their residences, then assault them and take the cash. If you think you are being followed drive to a crowded, well lit area and call 9-1-1.

Dial 9-1-1 to report Suspicious Activity