



9TH DISTRICT

Hello this is Officer Steven Kiefer from the 9th District regarding easy safety measures to prevent burglaries and thefts from your personal vehicles, especially if you are travelling this summer.

Homeowners should check their house windows during the summer months. Check for slits in the window screens, tampered locks, broken window locks. Apartment residents should always check their windows for security specifically, if they reside at the ground level, or if they are adjacent to a fire escape. These areas provide easy access for burglars. It is recommended that windows remain locked at all times, but if a window is left open at any time have locks installed on windows that provide only limited access and keep valuable items away from the open window.

Always check your door prior to leaving to ensure it is completely shut and locked at all times. Use strong locks and deadbolts on your doors. Residents of apartment buildings should always secure front and common doors. These doors should remain locked at all times.

Outside areas should have sufficient lighting at night. Motion detector lights are recommended. Light timers are recommended inside the home to turn lights and televisions on and off at different times of the day.

Do not allow mail to gather in your mailbox. Coordinate with a friend or neighbor to pick up mail if you are away for an extended period of time. Do not leave a message on your voicemail or facebook page that you are away from your home for any period of time.

Never leave anything inside your vehicle. The individuals that are committing the thefts in this area are Opportunists. **“They will break the window for anything of value”.**

Remember, it is the Summer months. From June through September there will be special events held in Center City and these events may affect the surrounding neighborhoods. There are times when parking will be restricted for these events. No Parking Sign will posted periodically and vehicles will be towed, relocated, and possibly ticketed for violations.

Thank you for your time. If you have question or concerns, please contact

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