



Break Your Routines! Reprogram Your Security Consciousness!

- Do you think about locking your doors and windows of your home...of your car?
- Do you use your phone to your security advantage?
- Do you protect yourself from robbery?
- Do you talk to your children about positive security and going to the police for help?

Why Not

Basic Understanding

Crime happens to anyone, anyplace, anytime!

- There is no one that is 100% safe.
- There is no place that is 100% secure.
- There is no time that is 100% crime free.

The statement “*There is never a cop when you need one*” is more true than not. If we were there, you wouldn’t have the problem to begin with. **You are your first line of defense.**

Trust your instincts! If you have a feeling that something or someone is not quite right take action to avoid the person or situation.

Vehicle Security



- Always close and lock the doors and windows.
- Never leave valuables in your car. If you must, put them in the trunk, or under the seat, or cover them. Never leave them visible.
- Park in well lit areas. Don’t park in isolated areas.
- If you breakdown while driving, it is safest to stay with your car. Wait for the police to come. Put up the hood; place a sign in the window asking for people to call the police. Be wary of people stopping to help. Ask them to call the police.

Front Door and Phone

- Don’t open your doors to someone you don’t know or are not expecting.
- Don’t do business with people at your front door or who call you on the telephone.
- When someone calls that you don’t know, simply say “Thank you, no thank you” and hang up.
- Understand, if you ask someone for their ID or for a copy of their business license, it is useless to you unless you know what a real one looks like.

Protect Your Home



- Two thirds of all residential burglaries happen through open or unlocked doors or windows. Close and lock your doors and windows. Improve your door security by installing deadbolt locks.
- Contact your Clearwater Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and arrange for a free home security inspection.
- Make sure that the lighting around your house lights all potential access points.
- Consider installing an alarm system.

General Security



- Use ATM machines that are in well-lighted, people active areas.
- Give up your property in a robbery. Do not risk your life or serious injury over a piece of property.
- Walk with a look of confidence. Don't look like you are vulnerable.
- Teach security to your children...they do listen and remember.
- Know or be aware of your surroundings.

Make a Difference!

- Form or join a Neighborhood Watch.
- Practice being a good "security conscious" neighbor.
- Look for neighborhood security vulnerabilities such as broken streetlights, overgrown shrubbery, and no house numbers.
- Support neighbors who become victims of crime and learn from them.

...And always remember

**Crime Prevention
Means Paying Attention!**

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Personal Safety and Security



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