

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS

From the University Heights HOA Safety Committee



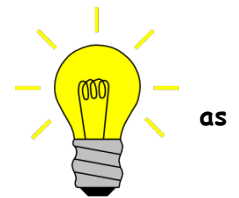
Recently the Safety Committee met with Officers Webster and Markus, our CMPD Community Coordinators, regarding our community. While they agree that University Heights has an overall good safety record, there are always things we can do as individuals and as a community to make us even safer.

1) ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR doors when in your driveway or parking space. The only car "break-ins" we've had in the last year were to unlocked cars! Also, never leave valuables of ANY kind in a locked or unlocked car. AND don't ever leave your garage door up and unattended!



2) If someone knocks on your door or rings your doorbell, ALWAYS either ANSWER THE DOOR or, at least, make sure they know someone is at home. Almost all home break-ins occur during the day and after the bad guy has decided no one is at home!

3) LEAVE YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON at night and consider installing motion detector lights on back or side porches. Bad guys avoid brightly lit areas - both as targets and places to lurk!



4) IF A NEIGHBORING HOME IS VACANT (whether empty or the residents are out of town), remove flyers, packages, phone books, etc. from doors/porches. Don't give the bad guys an easy target!

5) RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS of electronic items in your home and keep the list somewhere safe. If there is no serial number, engrave the item with your driver's license number. Having this information will greatly assist the police in the case of theft!



6) GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS! Nothing makes for a safer and more considerate community like knowing your neighbors. If you haven't already, introduce yourself to the people who live on either side of you.

7) Finally, IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT either our CMPD Community Officers or the University Heights Safety Committee. Remember, call 911 in the case of an emergency!

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