



Keeping Safe In Your Neighborhood

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Topics to Be Discussed

- ▶ Catalytic Converters
- ▶ Vehicle Break-Ins
- ▶ Residential Burglaries
- ▶ Neighborhood Watch Program

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

(858) 565-5200

Catalytic Converters

- ▶ Converts the toxic fumes in your I.C.E. to less-toxic pollutants when dispersed from the vehicle
- ▶ Targeted vehicles: Toyota Prius, Hondas, large trucks, late model SUVs
- ▶ Sometimes in and out in <30 seconds

Prevention tips:

- ▶ Engrave license plate onto the catalytic converter
- ▶ Anti-theft device such as a catalytic converter shield
- ▶ Park in your garage if possible / park in a well-lit area
- ▶ Surveillance cameras near parked vehicles
- ▶ Contact our non-emergency number if you hear or see suspicious activity

Vehicle Break-Ins

- ▶ The most common crime in Poway, and also the most preventable.
- ▶ Unlocked vehicles, valuables left in plain sight (bags, purses, electronics, money)

Prevention tips:

- ▶ Bring all of your valuables inside your home whenever you leave your vehicle. Leave NOTHING in your car.
- ▶ If you are going to a park, public area, or hiking, add any purses or changes of clothing in the trunk of your vehicle before you leave the house.
- ▶ Lock your vehicle every time you leave your vehicle, and alarm your vehicle if your vehicle comes with one.
- ▶ Park in a well-lit area, or park in your garage if you can.

Residential Break-ins

- ▶ Can happen at all hours during the day (rarely at night) and can happen on any day during the week.
- ▶ Mainly enter through the back of the house through a sliding / French door, but sometimes enter through a master bathroom window.
- ▶ Looking for cash, jewelry, high-priced handbags, and in some cases, guns/ammunition.
- ▶ Are typically in and out within 3-5 minutes.

Prevention tips:

- ▶ Invest in a security system with glass break sensors and a loud, audible alarm. If you have a security system, alarm it every time you leave the home, regardless of how long you are planning on being gone.
- ▶ Inventory checklist (handwritten or video) to be shared with your homeowner's insurance company.
- ▶ Smart lights/plugs
- ▶ Take photographs of any valuables in the home. Get them appraised and insured, to be shared with your homeowner's insurance
- ▶ Do not keep large amounts of cash in the home.
- ▶ If you have any valuables of personal or sentimental value to you, and you wish to keep them in the home, invest in a high-quality, heavy safe that can be bolted into the floor and wall. You can keep the safe in an alternate room such as an office or the garage if you do not want to keep it in the master bedroom.
- ▶ Safe deposit boxes at your bank.

Neighborhood Watch Program



- ▶ One of the most successful and least costly crime prevention programs.
- ▶ Cooperative effort between the Sheriff's Department and members of the community, designed to help reduce neighborhood crime.
- ▶ Participants learn how to identify and report suspicious activity, better safeguard your home and property, be prepared in case of emergencies, and other crime prevention resources.

If you would like to start/re-start a program, contact me!

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