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A MESSAGE FROM THE NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Summer brings warmer weather, longer days and the possibility of an increase in burglaries and other types of crime.

The Niles Police Department is asking for renewed diligence from our residents to help prevent the occurrence of these incidents. There are many simple things you can do to keep yourself from becoming a victim.

Vehicles:

Keep vehicles locked with the windows up at all times, when they are not occupied. Remove all valuables including purses, wallets, cellular phones, MP3 players, GPS systems, laptop computers, sports equipment, etc. when vehicles are parked. Many vehicles also contain an automatic garage door opener, which would allow a burglar easy access to your garage/home. Park your vehicles in a locked garage when possible and keep the keys inside your home.

Homes:

Keep all doors closed and locked. This includes garages, sheds, and patio doors. Burglaries from open garages, sheds, and residences are more prevalent in the summer months, and sometimes even occur when the homeowner is present.

Summer vacation plans:

Stop delivery of mail and newspapers, or have a trusted neighbor pick them up. Set inside lights on a timer to turn on during the overnight hours. Set your burglar alarm, and have a neighbor watch your residence while you're on vacation. Make sure to leave contact information with them on how to reach you by telephone, while you're away. Inform them to contact the Niles Police Department immediately, if they encounter any suspicious activities.

If you do not have a neighbor to look after your home while you're away, contact the Niles Police Department at (847) 588-6500 or go online to <https://www.vniles.com/188/See-It-Report-It>. Officers will check the premises periodically to make sure everything is secure.

Neighborhoods:

Call 911 if you witness any suspicious activity. Try to provide good descriptive information such as license plate numbers, vehicle make, model and color, sex, race, clothing descriptions, height, weight, hair color, and direction of travel.