

More Info

We are committed to strengthening partnerships in the community by providing educational programs and resources to encourage citizen involvement in preserving safe communities within the Orange County Sheriff's Department jurisdiction.

For more information and to learn about the crime prevention programs in your area, visit:
www.ocsd.org/staysafeoc

Know Your Victims' Bill of Rights

Marsy's Law significantly expands the rights of victims in California. For additional information about your rights, please visit the State of California Department of Justice website:

https://oag.ca.gov/victimservices/content/bill_of_rights

Emergency or Crime in Progress **9-1-1**

Non-Emergency Dispatch **714-647-7000** or **949-770-6011**

PROPERTY CRIME

A quick reference guide



**BE THE KEY
LOCK IT UP**



stay safe  **OC**
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF

How Can You Protect Yourself From Property Crime?

Criminals are looking for an easy opportunity with the lowest risk; if you provide it, they will take it! These simple preventative steps can go a long way toward eliminating crimes of opportunity and reducing the frequency of burglaries and thefts in our community.

Vehicle Security

- Always lock your car doors, roll up the windows and take your keys with you. Keep in mind newer cars with keyless fobs can be unlocked when fobs are kept within close proximity (even from indoors).
- Remove valuables and all visible items when you leave your vehicle. If you need to, lock your valuables in the trunk before arriving at your destination.
- When out, park in open, well-lit, populated areas. At home, park in your secured garage.
- Install a locking fuel cap.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.



Home Security

- Ensure all door and window locks in your home are secure and working properly. Reinforce glass on doors and windows by adding security film.
- Never leave doors or windows open or unlocked while away from home, including second-story entries.
- Secure your home with a reliable alarm and/or surveillance system.
- Keep overhead and side garage doors closed when you're not in or around the garage area. Lock all doors leading to your garage at night and when you are away from home.
- Keep all outdoor cabinets and storage areas, including those in carports, locked.
- Maintain a detailed inventory list of all items with serial numbers. Serial numbers can help return recovered valuables to their rightful owners.
- Do not leave valuable items outside your home or inside in plain view from windows or doors. Adjust window coverings for optimal privacy while maintaining good visibility of surrounding areas.
- Store ladders, gardening equipment and tools in a locked garage or shed. These can be used to gain entry into your home.
- Install motion sensor lighting around the perimeter of your house. Keep front and back porch lights on during hours of darkness.
- Increase visibility by keeping shrubs and trees properly trimmed.
- Never open your door for strangers or solicitors. Acknowledge you are home and talk through the door if you do not recognize the person.
- Beware of people posing as service personnel attempting to gain access to your home. Ask for identification and verify by calling the company.

Report Suspicious Persons and Activities

If you see something suspicious, call immediately so we can act fast. The longer you wait, the harder it is to catch the criminal.

- Persons loitering in neighborhood - in vehicle or on foot.
- Persons and/or vehicles in the same location for a long or unusual period of time.
- Persons carrying or concealing something suspicious.
- Persons peering into cars.
- Valuables being removed from home or vehicle.
- Strange vehicles parked at neighbors home.
- Light or flashlights in homes while neighbors are away.
- Suspicious sounds such as breaking glass, alarms, screaming, loud bangs, or gun shots.
- Prying, pounding or forcing sounds.

Be prepared to provide a physical description of subject(s) to include the following:

- Gender, race, height, weight, hair color/style, clothing, and any unique physical descriptors.
- Method of transportation such as a vehicle make, model, color and plate number.
- Know the time and place you last saw them and last known direction of travel.

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