



## Washingtonville Police Department

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Our goal at the Washingtonville Police Department is to keep our residents safe. To do this, we need your help. There are things you can do around your house, yard and driveway to help us meet this goal. Here is a list to help get you started:

1. Lock your windows and doors! Don't make it easy for someone to just walk into your house.
2. Don't leave things like bicycles and kids toys in the yard. These things are easy to take. Keep them in your garage, shed or out of sight when not in use.
3. If you are going on vacation, come to the station and fill out a Vacation House Check form so we know you're gone and who to call in case of an emergency. It's also a good idea to let family or a neighbor you trust keep an eye on your residence while you are away, and don't forget to stop your mail and the newspaper. It's also not a good idea to post your vacation plans on any social networking sites.
4. Lock your car! Never leave your keys in your car.
5. Don't leave valuables in your car. With the popularity of electronic devices, thefts from vehicles have become a nationwide problem. Items like GPS units, I Pods, MP3 players, smart phones and laptop computers are now common items left in cars. These are easy items for thieves to carry away, even if your vehicle is locked, your window may be broken to get at these items. So keep them out of sight.
6. Keep records of your property. Police often recover stolen or suspected stolen property and can't find the owner. Keep serial numbers from things like bicycles and electronic devices ; take pictures of other valuables like jewelry that don't have serial numbers. This can help you recover your property and us solve cases.
7. Phone scams! Internet scams! If it sounds too good it probably is. There are many scams out there and new ones being thought up every day. Don't be a victim, don't just send money, research the offer or talk to friends or family to see what they think. Don't be intimidated, if they are pressuring you it is probably a scam. If you believe it's a scam, delete it, ignore it and report it to the police. Once you send money, it is most likely gone forever. Many scams are international. So before sending money overseas check it out.
8. Identity Theft. These can be interstate or international, both of which make it very difficult for police to investigate. Don't give your personal information to anyone you don't have to. Don't give it to someone your not sure of. Many Id thefts occur by people voluntarily giving out their information to someone they believe is a legitimate



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representative of a bank or credit card company. Don't put personal information in the garbage. Always shred mail or papers with your personal information on it; thieves are willing to go through your garbage to steal your identity.

Hopefully this will help you keep yourself, family and your property a little safer and get you thinking about other things you can do to keep you from being a victim of crime. And remember, if you have a question or your not sure if you should call the police if you see something suspicious, calling us is usually the better decision. If it's not something we can help you with, we might know who can, and tips from the public help us solve crimes.

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