

## Preventative Steps You Can Do To Reduce Crime

1. Remove valuables from cars.
2. Lock car doors.
3. Make sure your entry doors are locked and your garage door is down. Lock your garage door.
4. Maintain your yard. Yards with overgrown grass and bushes are more likely to draw burglaries.
5. Increase visibility from your home. Trim shrubs and trees obscuring visibility.
6. Increase lighting around your home.
7. Report all crimes. Resources are prioritized based on the number of crime reports. Additional resources may be allocated if law enforcement notices an increase in crimes.
8. Install high resolution video doorbells and surveillance cameras. The Sheriff's Department has implemented new technology that can upload and utilize the video of or related to a crime. Video evidence of a crime is very useful to law enforcement, and information about suspects, their cars, etc., can be communicated to patrol officers. Crime reports with video evidence provides more for investigators to work with and contributes to higher success in resolving crimes. Bring mail and packages in timely.
9. Most important of all – Get to know your neighbors. Watch out for each other and inform your neighbors of times you may be out of town. Let them know if workers or visitors may be coming to your house.