**Crime Prevention Tips From Dayton Police**

1. Turn off your car, lock the doors and windows, and take your keys when leaving your car unattended.
2. Park in well-lit, high-traffic areas.
3. Never leave valuables in your car; but if you do, place them in the trunk out of sight. Even visible spare change can provoke a break-in.
4. Clean the GPS mount suction cup mark from your windshield or dashboard; hide or take the GPS with you.
5. Remove/Hide garage openers when parked outside your garage.
6. Consider a car alarm or other anti-theft devices.

**ALWAYS lock all doors and windows when leaving your residence.**

2. Install 1.5” deadbolt locks and wide angle 180-degree peepholes when useful.
3. Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed to keep entry points visible and limit roof access.
4. Build relationships with neighbors and use a neighborhood crime watch program.
5. NEVER hide your keys outside your residence! A determined thief could be watching, and will find it, no matter how well hidden.
6. Make sure your address is visible from the street for police and other safety personnel.
7. When leaving for an extended period: Stop mail delivery. Notify police and/or a trusted neighbor to check on your property. Use timers for lights and appliances to give the illusion of occupancy.
8. Consider a home security system.

**Pet Theft Prevention:**

- Use ID methods such as collar tags and micro-chipping.
- Have recent photos of your pet on file as well as any ID numbers.
- Regularly check on pets when they’re in your yard. It only takes a moment for someone to jump a fence and steal an animal.
- Spay/neuter your pet to help prevent wandering or breeding theft.
- Don’t leave any pet unattended in a public place such as a parking lot or grocery store.
- If your pet disappears, contact the Humane Society (268-PETS) and the police (333-COPS) immediately.

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