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SAFETY ALERT

Residential safety tips

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (February 22, 2024) The City of Winter Park is continuing to experience residential burglaries and auto thefts within the Winter Park community. In recent months, criminals have targeted the Winter Park area, breaking into homes that appear to be vacant and stealing unlocked high-end vehicles with keys or key fobs left inside.

These crimes have taken place both during the day as well as at night. Vehicles are stolen from driveways and along the street. In some cases, vehicle tracking devices have been discarded, making it difficult to recover property. Advanced features in today's cars (such as folded mirrors) can draw attention to unlocked vehicles.

While Winter Park Police Department (WPPD) investigators are working every lead and in partnership with other jurisdictions, the department is asking for residents to take immediate measures to secure their property and homes.

Help prevent auto theft by:

- locking vehicles.
- not leaving keys or fobs in cars.
- not storing keys or fobs in close proximity to vehicles.

Help deter/prevent residential burglaries by:

- activating alarms and assuring video surveillance is working properly.
- ensuring your residence has sufficient lighting as this is a key deterrent.
- picking up direct mail on driveways and bringing in empty garbage/recycling carts.
- arranging for WPPD to perform [house checks](#) for your property when on vacation.
- scheduling [security surveys](#) to provide an assessment of your home to detect vulnerabilities and provide better safeguards.

Please remember if you notice suspicious activity, "See Something, Say Something" by calling WPPD's Non-Emergency Line at [407-644-1313](tel:407-644-1313). For all emergencies, please call [9-1-1](tel:9-1-1).

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