Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

Keep your belongings with you at all times. Don't leave them unattended, this will prevent someone from walking by and taking something.

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Think Smart

When leaving your vehicle unattended keep all your valuables out of sight. Hide them under the seat or secure them in the trunk. Make sure to close your windows and lock your doors. By taking these precautions you can increase your chances of deterring criminals.

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Protection Our Future
A Safety Checklist for Apartments
Texas A&M University Police Department
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Check Out Your Apartment
Does your —
☐ Entry door have a deadbolt lock and peep-hole?
☐ Sliding glass door have a wooden rod in the track so it can’t be opened and pins in the overhead frame so it can’t be lifted out?
☐ Landlord or building manager tightly control all keys?
☐ For extra security, leave a radio playing or a light on while you are gone. Always tell neighbors and the building manager when you leave for a business trip or vacation.

Check Out Your Building
☐ Is there some kind of control over who enters and leaves the building?
☐ Are walkways, entrances, parking areas, elevators, hallways, stairways, laundry rooms, and storage areas well-lighted, 24 hours a day?
☐ Are fire stairs locked from the stair well side above the ground floor, so you can exit but no one can enter?
☐ Are mailboxes in a well-traveled, well-lighted area and do they have good locks?
☐ Are things well-maintained — are burnt out lights fixed properly, shrubs trimmed, trash and snow removed?

Check Out the Neighbors
☐ Get to know your neighbors. Join or organize an apartment watch group so neighbors can look out for and help each other.
☐ If you live in a large building or complex, think about a tenant patrol that watches for crime around the building, provides escort services for the elderly and handicapped, and monitors comings and goings in the lobby.
☐ Work with landlords to sponsor social events for tenants — a Sunday breakfast, a picnic, a Halloween party.
☐ Look beyond problems to root causes — does your building need a better playground, a social evening for teens, a tenant association, new landscaping, a basketball hoop? Work with the landlord for changes that make everyone proud of where they live.

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Attention:
Important Information About Your Homes!

Things to watch out for:

- A stranger entering your neighbors dorm or apartment when you know they are gone.
- Anyone looking in car windows or trying the handles may be a burglar.
- The sound of breaking glass or other loud noises could mean an accident or other crime.
- Persons loitering around dorms or buildings could be criminals.

Several Burglaries have occurred in the Camden Miramar Area. This is a reminder to lock your residence, vehicles, and to keep your valuables in a safe place. Any suspicious activity should be reported to UPD immediately.

Help the police Help You
Some people fail to call the police because they are hesitant to call for fear of seeming, "nosy" or a "crank." Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called.

Call the police immediately about all suspicious activity and do it yourself. Don't worry about "bothering" them because that is their job. Think instead about what could happen if you don't act.