

# Crime Prevention Tips

The following tips help discourage burglary. If you have an incident or suspicious activity to report please contact the Flower Mound Police Department

- **Lock all doors and windows:** Invest in good locks. Deadbolt locks with long bolts that terminate in a good, solid door frame makes breaking down a door a chore.
- **Keep shrubs trimmed back:** If windows are visible, it is easier for neighbors or police to spot a broken window.
- **Keep your garage door closed at all times:** Not only does this prevent items from being stolen, it also takes away another sign that you're home or away.
- **Store vehicles if possible in your garage:** Vehicles in garages make it harder for crooks to determine if you are away and prevents them from burglarizing your vehicle. If your vehicle is parked outside, do not leave any valuables in view and lock your vehicle.
- **Get to know your neighbors:** Knowing your neighbors is a great crime deterrent. Extra sets of eyes keeping watch on your property, reporting suspicious activity, and helping keep you safe. Be sure to return the favor and keep an eye on their home too.
- **Watch what you throw out in the trash:** If you've purchased a new TV, computer, or other expensive item, consider cutting up the packaging so it can be placed inside your trash receptacle or in garbage bags.
- **Use light timers when you are gone for a long period:** Light timers give the appearance of the home being lived in. Consider leaving a radio or TV on at a conversational volume level. Have a neighbor pick up your paper and mail and accept packages. Have a neighbor remove door hangers and other advertisements that pile up at your door.
- **Consider a safety deposit box for jewelry:** This can be especially useful for expensive jewelry or jewelry that you do not wear often.