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Get into the #9PMRoutine with the Nassau County Police Department

Add these simple checks to your everyday schedule and you can greatly reduce your risk of being a victim of theft:



Be Alert! If you see something, say something!

Call 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress

Crime Stoppers 1-800-244-TIPS

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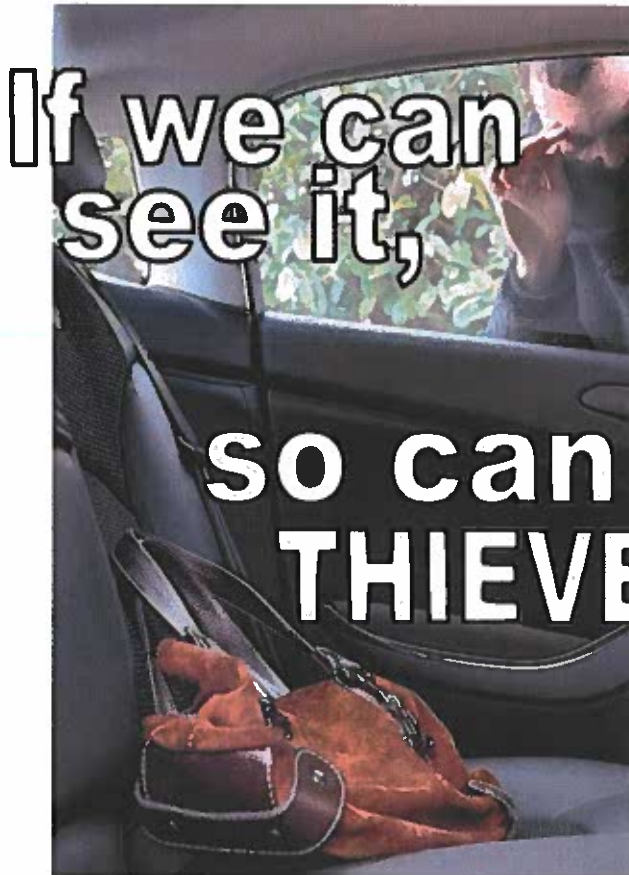


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Safety Tips from the Nassau County Police Department



Thefts from Vehicles

- Park in well-lit areas.
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE and do not leave it running unattended.
- Do not leave a GPS or any other valuables visible in the vehicle. Hide packages and shopping bags in the trunk.
- Keep keys in your hand when walking to your car or home.

Shopping Tips

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at ALL times.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Be sure your purse or wallet is secured at all times.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Shopping Online

- Shop only on secure websites.
- Do not respond to emails asking you for personal or credit card information.
- Check your credit card and bank statements regularly.

Take Inventory

- Make time to update or create a home inventory.
- Take photos or make a video of valuable items with descriptions and serial numbers.

Burglary Prevention

- If you have an alarm, be sure to set it. Consider installing an alarm system, if you don't have one.
- Gifts and valuables should be kept out of sight, away from windows.
- Do not publicize that you will be out of town on the internet.
- Leave your lights on when you leave the house.
- Lock all doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home if you'll be away.

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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM PORCH PIRATES

PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

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- Request a **specific delivery date and time** from the shipper when you know you will be home
- Have packages delivered to a place where they can be **received in person**, such as the home of a **trusted neighbor**, who stays home during the day
- Request that the shipper **hold your package** at its pick-up facility so you can pick it up in person at your convenience
- Provide **delivery instructions** to the shipper so that packages can be left at a safe location at your home that is **out of sight from the street**
- If your employer will allow it, **have packages delivered to your place of work**
- Consider a **visible surveillance camera** and a security company sign near the front door

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

From the Nassau County Police Department



DO:

- ✓ Lock doors, windows, and gates when leaving the house.
- ✓ Make alarm stickers visible on doors and windows; they should be easily seen from the street and sidewalk.
- ✓ Take pictures of your valuables and mark them with your driver's license number to make them easy to trace.
- ✓ Set inside lights on timers to turn on at dusk.
- ✓ Install outside motion detection lights at the corners of your home. Make sure they are high enough so that an intruder is unable to unscrew the bulbs.
- ✓ Use dead bolts with a one-inch throw to make the mechanism difficult to pry open.
- ✓ Ensure that sliding glass doors and windows have metal pins or a metal bar installed so that they cannot be pried open.

DON'T:

- ✗ DO NOT leave newspapers and packages in the doorway. Arrange for a delivery time when you or a neighbor can pick them up.
- ✗ DO NOT leave garbage cans at the curb all day; if you cannot stay home, use plastic bags instead of garbage cans.
- ✗ DO NOT let people know you are not home by posting on the Internet or on voicemail.
- ✗ DO NOT let shrubbery overgrow and hide windows and doors.
- ✗ DO NOT leave valuables out. Store them in a non-discrete location, avoiding bedroom drawers and obvious places.
- ✗ DO NOT leave driveway empty. If possible, have a neighbor park a car in your driveway.

IF A BURGLARY DOES OCCUR, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.

DO NOT try to enter the premises – the burglar may still be inside. **DO NOT** disturb any evidence.

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