

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Auto Burglary & Prevention Tips



Most thefts occur when valuables are left unattended. The thief normally seeks privacy to commit his/her act. Virtually any article left in plain view is apt to be stolen. Most property that is stolen is left unattended or unlocked.

The victim provides the burglar with the opportunity by leaving their vehicle unlocked or their window open. Most property stolen is left in plain view where anyone walking by the car can see it lying there.

Anything of value are the targets. The property most preferred is cash or loose change that is left in the console or ashtray of the vehicle. They also like CD's, wallets, purses, cellular phones, radar detectors, radios, speakers, gps units, and laptops.

Most auto burglaries occur at night while the vehicle is parked outside the victim's residence. Some burglars also target vehicles that are parked in parking lots while their owners are at work, in class, or shopping. They know it's going to be a long time before the owner returns to their car and the likelihood of being caught is low.

Park your car in a garage or parking lot that is supervised by an attendant. Park your car in well-lit areas away from places of concealment, such as alleys and behind bushes. Close your windows and lock your doors. Never hide a key in one of those magnetic key boxes, because if you can find it, so can a burglar. Take your valuables with you when you leave your car or lock them in the trunk out of sight.

What can I do to keep from being the victim of an auto burglary?
Report anyone that is seen trying door handles, looking in cars or loitering in the parking lot. If the burglary is in progress Call 911. They call taker will ask you who you are and where you are calling from. Then they will ask you to describe the suspect (race, sex, height, weight and clothing description). If the burglary has already occurred.
Call Alsip Police non-emergency number at 708-385-6902. Do not get inside of the car to see what's missing because you may be destroying evidence needed to catch the burglar.

Auto Burglary Prevention Tips

Remove visible items from your vehicle - If you leave items visible in your car, you are a target. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat, especially at a gym. Take these with you or secure them in your trunk.

Lock Up!
◦Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands.
◦Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into the vehicle.
◦Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.

Vehicle alarms - Buy an alarm and use it! Many people believe that alarms no longer make a difference; however, they do remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Remember criminals are looking for the easy target.

Vehicle Registration - Black out the address on your registration and photocopy it. Keep the copy, not the original, in your car. You must have the registration available to present to a police officer upon request.

Mail - Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car, especially where visible. This has your name and address on it.

Garage Door Opener - Avoid leaving this in your car if possible.

Park Safely!
◦At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors.
◦Park in a well-lit area.
◦Check to see that your vehicle is visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic

Remember, only you can prevent auto burglaries by removing your valuables from your vehicle and locking them in a safe place. Help us to protect your property.



Lock Out Crime
– Protect your
home from
intruders

Use sturdy
doors

Use safe locks

Install a
viewfinder

Consider
window pegs

Secure sliding
glass doors

Consider
various outdoor
lighting options

Never allow
strangers into
your home

Put some
electrical
equipment on
timers

Burglary From Motor Vehicle

2-2: 4100 BLK 115th ST.: Purse stolen from white Chevrolet; purse recovered

2-12: 12000 BLK LARAMIE.: Tools stolen from Tan Chevrolet by unknown subject

2-15: 4500 BLK 123rd PL.: Change stolen from unlocked vehicles; unknown subject

2-15: 12600 BLK KEELER AVE.: Change stolen from unlocked vehicles in driveway; unknown subject

2-16: 12500 BLK KEELER AVE.: CD's & coins stolen from Burgundy Pontiac; unknown subject

2-21: 12700 BLK KENNETH AVE.: Silver Nissan entered; no items stolen

2-27: 4100 BLK 118th PL.: Unlocked grey Honda had change stolen from center counsel

Burglary – Residential

2-19: 11400 BLK MATHER AVE.: Jewelry stolen from residence; no forced entry

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

2-2: 3800 BLK 124th PL.: Paint damaged on tan Buick

2-3: 11800 BLK KARLOV: Bottom glass on entry door shattered; unknown subject

2-4: 3900 BLK 123rd ST.: Paint damage to grey Jeep

2-6: 11400 BLK AVON AVE.: (2) windows damaged on residence; unknown subject

2-7: 11900 BLK LARAMIE AVE.: Mailbox post damaged by unknown subject

2-19: 11800 BLK TRIPP AVE.: Basement window damaged; suspect named

2-22: 12200 BLK SPRINGFIELD AVE.: Drivers side mirror damaged on a silver Saturn; named subject

2-24: 3600 BLK DEER PARK DR.: Named subject damaged the security system for residence

Identity Theft Crimes

2-10: 12700 BLK LOVELAND AVE.: Unauthorized charges made on victims debit account

2-11: 4300 BLK TERMUNDE DR.: Victims personal information used to open cell phone account

2-21: 11600 BLK KILDARE AVE.: Unauthorized charges made on victims debit account

2-23: 3800 BLK 121st PL.: Victims personal information used to open cell phone account

2-27: 4400 BLK 123rd PL.: Victims personal information used to set up account with utility company

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

**Deter
Detect
Defend**

Safe guard your personal information

Routinely monitor your financial accounts and billing statements

Defend against ID Theft as soon as you suspect it

**Visit
AnnualCreditReport.com
or call 877-322-8228,
to order your free credit reports each year.**

Motor Vehicle Thefts

2-7: 11900 BLK PULASKI RD.: Black Buick stolen while parked in parking lot of business

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

2-12: 11900 BLK LARAMIE AVE.: Unknown subject removed contents from delivered package at victims residence



Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902

Crime Prevention Unit.....708-385-6902 x249

Crime Free Housing Program.....708-385-6902 x249

Village of Alsip Departments

Building/Clerks/Water Department.....708-385-6902

Fire Department Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902 x233

Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

Public Works Department.....708-385-6902 x364

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Child Fingerprint ID Kits at Community Expo

The Alsip Police Department will once again be participating in the Alsip Chamber of Commerce 15th Annual Community Expo, providing Child ID Kits, on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Prairie Junior High School located at 11910 S. Kostner Ave., Alsip, IL.

Look for the police department booth staffed by the Crime Prevention Unit when you arrive. Your children will be fingerprinted on a Child ID kit provided by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

Child ID kits are a great way to maintain up-to-date information about your child that you can provide to law enforcement if your child is missing.

If you believe that your child is missing from home, search your home thoroughly, including vehicles, large appliances, and anywhere your child may crawl and hide. Immediately call your local law enforcement agency.



Visit www.missingkids.com for more safety tips. Come see the police department booth at the community expo and please take time to talk to your children about child safety.

