

Crime prevention is not only an individual effort, it's also a community effort. Encourage your neighbors to keep an eye out for anything unusual. Something that was seen or heard could mean nothing to you but could potentially help law enforcement catch a criminal.

- Keep an eye out for suspicious persons, vehicles, and activities. Criminals might be deterred from committing crimes when they see the community is proactive in keeping it safe.
- Write down what you saw, law enforcement will be looking for approximate time and date of the suspicious activity.
- Write down characteristics of all individuals involved: Age, Race, Height, Weight, Hair Color, Hair Style, Facial Hair, Clothing Description, and Any Notable Characteristics (scars, glasses, bags, ect.) Take note of where you last saw the individuals and last known direction of travel.
- If a vehicle is used attempt to get the vehicles approximate year, make, model, color, license plate state and number, and approximate number of occupants. Take note of where you last saw the vehicle and last known direction of travel.

Remember don't be a hero, don't make yourself a target to the crime. Your overall safety is more important.



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Crime Prevention Tips

Refuse
To Be A Victim.



We here at the 733d Security Forces Squadron believe in a bond between the community and law enforcement. While residing on Joint Base Langley Eustis (Ft Eustis) this bond between the community and law enforcement will create teamwork, which will be key in effectively reducing crime and will help build a safer tomorrow. The crime prevention tips inside this pamphlet will help citizens develop skills in the areas of home security, marking and securing valuables, and making their homes less of a target for criminals

Criminals often look for easy targets where the risk of being caught is limited. Most of these crimes are crimes of opportunity, unsecured vehicle, unsecured bicycles, open windows, open garage doors, open sheds, ect.

Don't be an easy target.

Protect Your Property

Vehicle:

- Always lock your vehicle and insure your windows are rolled up.
- Install a vehicle alarm or mechanical lock for the steering wheel or ignition.
- Do not leave money, checkbooks, or credit/debit cards in your vehicle at any time.
- Keep valuable items in your trunk or out of sight expensive items in full view, even if your car is locked.

House/Shed/Yard:

- Keep all doors closed and locked when you are not using them. Keep your garage door closed, this will keep criminals from "scouting" out your belongings.
- Keep all expensive merchandise in a safe place and ensure that you check regularly to ensure it is still where you left it.
- When using sheds, barns, or any outside storage facility ensure the building is sturdy. Also ensure it is well light and that you secure the doors with case hardened steel padlocks.
- Keep yard gates locked with case hardened steel padlocks, attempt to secure all items within gated area.
- Keep window screens, window locks, windows, door locks, doors, and gates in good working order. If they are broken do not let anyone know that they are broken and report/repair them as soon as possible to ensure safety.
- Make your home look and sound occupied. When you're away, leave shades and draperies in their normal positions. At night leave an inner light on, also invest in automatic timers to turn lights and radios on and off.
- Avoid a regular schedule, if you come and go from your residence at different hours it will make it harder for criminals to predict your absence from the residence.

Keep your property safe and mark your belongings with your own identification number. Doing so will make it easier for law enforcement to locate your property if it is ever stolen. This may also discourage thefts and increases the probability of apprehending and prosecuting the criminal.

- When marking your property use a number that is not your SSN.
- Use the same number on all your property and attempt to mark it in the same general location.
- Use a electric etching engraver or heavy duty stamping tool if available.
- Draft and maintain an inventory sheet of all marked property including a brief description, approximate value and serial numbers.
- Photograph all marked/valuable property, keep all documents and photographs in a safe place.
- Report lost or stolen property immediately, provide all information to law enforcement.

PLEASE NOTE: If for any instance you believe someone broke into your vehicle, residence, or any other crime has occurred do not touch anything. Leave the immediate area but stay close and call your local law enforcement agency. This will help by not contaminating the crime scene and increases the chance of evidence collection.