

Community Alerts

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10 Tips to avoid "**Burglaries & Thefts**" at home

DeKalb Police issues this reminder for all to increase your awareness and to decrease your possibility of becoming a victim by:

- 1) Ask neighbors to keep a watchful eye for unwanted activity (i.e. suspicious persons/vehicles) on your property and around the community
- 2) Reviewing the security measures throughout your home & property; Ensure outside lighting is functioning properly by changing bulbs and replacing old wiring to increase the visibility around your home
- 3) When you are away for a extended period of time, remove fans from windows and secure window A/C units so they are not easily removed
- 4) Maintain property by trimming shrubbery and lawns regularly to avoid providing hiding places
- 5) Remove any objects to aide a criminal (i.e. ladders, tools, projectile objects)
- 6) Utilize all security mechanisms installed in your home (i.e. locks, alarm systems, light & sound timers) do not leave doors or windows open
- 7) Do not leave your garage door open overnight to avoid stored items/equipment to be easily removed
- 8) Avoid advertising the purchase of new electronic equipment and other items, by breaking down boxes and packaging and dispose of in garbage bags & covered cans
- 9) Lock you vehicle parked in your driveway or under carport at all times
- 10) Do not leave valuables visible in your vehicle; even at home remove the



***** Remember if you don't inform the Police,
the Police don't know what's happening in your neighborhood. *****

