



Community Alerts

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This Spring Break, Let's Avoid "Burglaries & Thefts"

As Spring Break approaches, let's avoid the Burglary & Theft possibilities. DeKalb Police wants to increase your awareness to decrease the possibility of becoming a victim by:

- 1) If you are not home during the day, be aware of persons visiting your children; ask neighbors to keep a watchful eye for unwanted activity
- 2) CARPORTS: Avoid leaving valued equipment and other items in an unsecured area; relocate to a locked shed or basement 
- 3) Lock your vehicle parked in your driveway or under the carport at all times; remove valued items (i.e. laptops, GPS systems, change, keys, etc.)
- 4) SHEDS: Replace old or rusty hinges and secure with a sturdy case-hardened pad lock 
- 5) Utilize all the security mechanisms installed in your home (i.e. locks, alarm systems, light & sound timers)
- 6) Review 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
- 7) Maintain property by trimming shrubbery and lawns regularly to prevent any available hiding place around the home
- 8) Remove objects that could aid a criminal (i.e. ladders, tools, projectile objects)
- 9) Communicate with your neighbors on suspicious activity seen and always **CALL 911** for any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity seen



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

