

L.V. Citizens Association Tips to Prevent Crime in the Neighborhood

- Call 911 or the non-emergency number (703-558-2222) whenever you see something suspicious on your street or in neighboring properties. The police find that such calls often provide early warning of a crime.
- Do not confront suspicious individuals, instead, when safe to do so, call police immediately on the above numbers. Be sure to note license plate numbers, descriptions of individuals and vehicles, direction of travel, etc.
- Victims are often distracted by cell phone conversations or iPods. Be aware of your surroundings when outside.
- When walking after dark, take a friend or family member along with you whenever possible. Walk in lighted areas.
- Many of the recent crimes have occurred at night. Leave your porch lights on from dusk to dawn to protect your property and illuminate the sidewalks. Leave one or more interior lights on at night or when traveling; use a timer (costs \$4).
- Make your house look difficult for a thief to enter unseen – trim shrubbery around doors and windows, light areas around entrances.
- Make your house look secure and difficult to enter – install deadbolts, fix broken window latches and storm doors.
- Lock car doors, garages and sheds. Register and lock bicycles. If garage contents are readily visible, cover bicycles, tools, and other valuables
- Do not leave valuables in cars. Store GPS devices and iPods out of sight. To discourage car theft, do not leave a valet key in the glove compartment or other obvious place.
- Ensure that your street number is visible on the front of your house (2 inch high numbers, not letters) to help police find your home.
- The Police offer a **free home visit** to assess and recommend specific changes you can make to improve your security. Please contact Lt. Heather Hurlock, 703-228-4057 or hhurlock@arlingtonva.us
- Please subscribe to the LV **e-mail ListServ** to receive crime alerts. You can subscribe by visiting our website (www.lyonvillage.org). Contact H.K. Park to volunteer for other crime prevention initiatives (hkpark100@hotmail.com)