



Safety Tips



Personal safety is not a goal that can be attained, it is an ongoing set of choices and a part of a life style. There is not one magic bullet to stop all crime and there is not one solution to all the problems. Simple, proven actions are your best defense against being victimized. Below are some tips, that are often overlooked and discounted, in today's high tech world.

The South Milwaukee Police Department can check your home while you are on vacation, call us at 768-8060 to make arrangements.

If you plan to be away for several days, arrange to have your mail picked up and your sidewalks shoveled so that it appears someone is home.

Always lock your doors and windows, even if you are planning to be gone for just a short time. It can take just a few minutes for a burglar to get in and out of your house. Leave a light and a radio on.

Write down the make, model and serial number of all expensive electronics and valuables. If you cannot identify your property, we cannot return it to you! Photographs are valuable when filing a claim with your insurance.

Do not allow strangers inside your house. There has been an increase in the number of "distraction" burglaries involving home repair/improvements services or similar businesses.

Ask for identification from utility workers that ask to come inside. Call the company to verify they have workers in the area. Do not use the number the worker provides, look it up in the phone book or on the internet.

Keep your private, personal information, PRIVATE! When someone request this information ask why they need it, what it will be used for and what they do to keep it safe.

Report suspicious people or vehicles in your neighborhood to the Police Department, 414-768-8060. Sign up for our email alert system by emailing Officer Michael Hill at mhill@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us