



New Providence Police Department

Crime Prevention Program

Crime Prevention /Neighborhood Watch

- The following presentation is courtesy of the New Providence Police Department Crime Prevention Program. It can be viewed and/or shared with your neighbors and friends.
- The purpose of this presentation is to better educate our residents in “**Target Hardening**” techniques to keep us safe and reduce crime.
- We hope you find the information helpful.

What is Crime Prevention?

- Crime Prevention is a cooperative effort between the Police and the community we serve to prevent or reduce the incidents of crime.
- It is designed to open the lines of communication between the police and the residents;
- and assists us in addressing crime problems and become more receptive to your concerns

Crime Prevention also deals with security?

- What is security?
- Webster's Dictionary defines SECURITY as:
 - 1) Freedom from danger, harm, or risk of loss
 - 2) Freedom from doubt, anxiety, or fear
 - 3) Something that gives or assures safety.

Security is one of the basic human needs.

- Very few things are more important to most people than food, water and shelter - and shelter is a form of security. Security is not an all-or-nothing concept. Some security is better than no security. However, it is a difficult thing to measure and thus, it is also difficult to determine how much is enough.

What is the single key to security?

- There is no single key to security!!!
- However there are key components:
 - Awareness
 - Education
 - Habits
 - Precautions

What can NPPD do to assist us in improving our personal security?

- Home Security Surveys:
- These surveys:
 - Evaluate your security risks.
 - Determine the changes you can make to reduce these risks.
 - Demonstrate to you how to make the recommended changes.

Target Hardening

- Most burglaries are committed by opportunist, both juvenile and adults.
- You don't have to make your home a fortress!
- Often, slowing down the burglar will be sufficient to prevent the crime from happening.

Nothing is foolproof!!!

- Even the best lock or most secured window can be defeated.
- You can never make your home “burglar proof”
- But you can make it more burglar resistant through

“TARGET HARDENING”

Good Security Habits

- Good security habits are just as important as improving the physical security of your home!
- **“A lock is not a lock unless you lock it.”**

*Don't send an invitation
to Burglars*



What do Burglars like?

- An Invitation and fast, easy, undetected entry and exit.
- Invitations include:
 - Unkempt yard
 - Dark or concealing hiding areas
 - Windows left open while you are away
 - Notes on the exterior doors explaining where you are
 - Open Garage doors
 - Sliding glass doors without auxiliary locks
 - Unlit houses after dark
 - Newspapers or mail in your mailbox
 - Flimsy door locks and latches
 - Basement windows

Once you send them the invitation they look for:

- A large shrub in front of a window
 - These are places that the intruder can hide
- A dark area behind your residence
- Poor lighting
- Open or unlocked windows and doors
- Open garage doors with no cars within
- Yards with privacy fencing
- Easily opened basement windows

How do we make our neighborhoods more secure?

- Get your neighborhood organized through the:

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- Lookout for and report all suspicious activities such as strangers entering your neighbor's house or vehicle, or a vehicle driving very slowly through your neighborhood
- Know when and how to file a police report

What are the benefits of joining Neighborhood Watch?

- Peace of mind, knowing that you and your neighbors are helping keep our community safe.
- E-mail broadcast from the Police Department regarding current crime trends and significant events in New Providence.
- This is also a great way to get to know and network with your neighbors!

Vacation Planning

- This includes two list of people – those you tell you are going on vacation and those you don't tell such as burglars.
- Tell:
 - Close Neighbors and friends
 - Key holders
 - Relatives
 - Police Department
 - Vacant House form
 - Vacant House check

Vacation Tips!

- Fill out a “*Vacant House Report*” with the Police Department
- Make sure you have lights on timers.
- Leave a radio on (this can scare off a potential burglar)
- Make sure you arrange for your mail and newspapers to be stopped or picked up by a neighbor.

Project Identification

- Project Identification involves identifying and marking valuable items.
- Video taping and inventory of valuables can prove extremely beneficial in a burglary investigation.
- Appraisals and insurance for highly priced jewelry
- Engraving tools are available on loan from the police department.

Neighborhood Watch Notification Lists

- If you would like to be added to the Neighborhood Watch Information Distribution Lists and receive crime trend information from the police department, send your e-mail address to Deputy Chief Scott F. Torre at:
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