



**CRIME
PREVENTION**

Home Smarts

Crime Prevention Tips

Center City is a great place to live. Close to work and school, shopping and dining, and a wide range of arts and entertainment. Here are a few tips to help make your homes, condominiums and apartments more secure.

Start by making sure your home address is clearly marked in the front and rear of the building whether you live in a multi-unit building, rowhouse or townhouse.

Good lighting is essential to good security. Make sure the building exterior is well lit around the entire property.

Hi-rise dwellers can help by making sure the front door to the building is locked. Be aware of people who follow residents or visitors into the building without permission.

Remind contractors and service providers to secure all doors when entering, working inside or exiting the building.

Don't put your full name on your mailbox or as your phone listing; use just your first initial and last name.

Routinely empty your mailbox. Accumulation of your mail or newspapers is an indication to thieves that you're away.

And remember to shred all your personal information and discarded bills to prevent someone from getting it out of your trash to commit identity fraud.

Maintain tight control of all your keys. Don't hide extra keys under the doormat, on top of the doorframe, in the planter or other places thieves could steal them.

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Make sure that the locks have been re-keyed when you move in to your new home.

Use a timer on lights and the radio or television to make it appear as if someone is at home.

Keep your valuables in a secure place in your home. Record the serial numbers and engrave your electronic equipment (including laptops) and bicycles with your address or phone number but never your social security number.

Use window locks or frame pins that restrict how far your windows can be opened. Also, secure your air conditioners so that a thief can't push the air conditioner in or out as a route into your home.

Always plan an escape route in the event of a fire. If you use a double-key deadbolt locks make certain a spare key is kept nearby for quick use.

If you ever think that your home has been entered without permission—don't go inside! Call 9-1-1 immediately!

Be home smart.

For more information, contact Center City District's Crime Prevention Services at 215.440.5500.

