



SAFETY TIPS

Protecting Your Home

Making your home safer from crime doesn't mean having to install expensive equipment.

- Make sure all doors are sturdy, use deadbolt locks, install a peep hole, and properly secure all windows and sliding glass doors (no matter what floor you live on).
- Always lock your doors.
- Follow the 2x6 rule. Shrubby no higher than 2 feet tall, canopy/awnings no lower than 6 feet tall.
- Put away tools, ladders, and any other machinery when not in use.
- Keep jewelry and other valuables in a safe located in a creative space in your home.
- Get to know your neighbors and implement a neighborhood watch.
- Never allow strangers into your home! Unless you have requested their presence (e.g. repair man).
- Keep an eye out for your neighbors and ask them to do the same for you. A nosey neighbor is a good neighbor.
- Take pride in your neighborhood!
- Call the police to immediately report suspicious people or activity. You and even remain anonymous.

Personal Safety

Protect yourself from harm by using awareness, preparedness, and the use of strategies to avoid dangerous situations.

- Be alert, vigilant, and aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Carry only what is absolutely necessary in your purse or wallet.
- Carry a cell phone, but don't be distracted.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Try having a friend walk with you.
- Walk alertly and assertively through a parking lot or down the street.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions, cross the street or run and scream or help.
- Have your car/house key in hand before you reach the door.
- Try to use ATM's during daylight hours. Have your card in hand, but don't approach the ATM if you're uneasy about suspicious cars or people nearby.
- If you're the victim of an armed robbery, remember that your LIFE is worth more than your property.

Vehicle Security

Protect your vehicle from theft, unauthorized access, or damage by using alarm systems, immobilizers, and advanced tracking devices.

- Lock all vehicle doors and put windows up when you park.
- Do not leave any items of value in your vehicle (e.g. laptops, cameras, money, purses/wallets, guns/weapons, etc.)
- Park in well-lit areas, close to sidewalks, stores, and people.
- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition when you're away from it. Even for just a minute.
- Approach your car with the key in hand, looking around and inside the car before getting in.
- Be especially alert at intersections, gas stations, ATMs, shopping malls, convenience and grocery stores.
- Avoid hiding a spare key in the car.
- If you have an older car, use a steering wheel lock.

To anonymously report information to *Crime Solvers*, call **(850) 574-8477** or toll free at **(888) 876-8477**.

The **Tallahassee Online Police Statistics** (TOPS) website provides crime, traffic crash, and quality of life data specific to the City of Tallahassee.

<https://www.talgov.com/gis/tops/>

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

If you see something suspicious, **REPORT IT!**

For Emergencies call **911**.

For non-emergencies call the Consolidated Dispatch Agency at **(850) 606-5800**.

Get a free home or business security survey today!

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