

## *Community Awareness*

**Crime in the City of Stafford is an ongoing concern for the Stafford Police Department. Currently, several programs are in place to aid officers in proactively reducing crime in our city.**

**The enclosed information has been provided to our citizens to further aid the department in reducing Residential and Vehicle Burglaries.**

**By building community awareness we hope to provide our citizens with the knowledge to protect and secure their homes and property.**

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Social Media pages



Visit [CrimeReports.com](http://CrimeReports.com) to view crime data and statistics, receive alerts, and Register Your Cameras with the Stafford Police Department.



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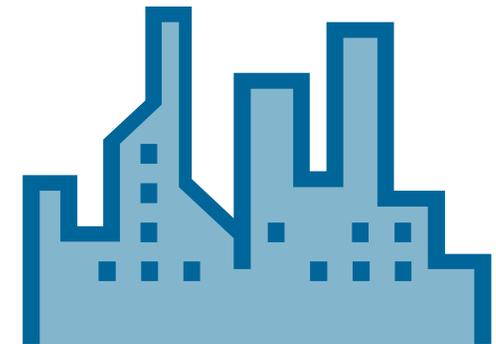
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KEEP YOUR  
HOME AND  
PROPERTY SAFE



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In Case of an Emergency Call 911

## Keep Your Home Safe

Keep all doors and windows **locked**

Exterior doors should be solid core or metal

A **good quality deadbolt** with a minimum of a one inch throw should be used on all exterior doors

If using a double cylinder deadbolt, be sure to keep a key readily available in case of an emergency

Use a **heavy duty strike plate** secured with number 12 gauge three-inch wood screws

Exit doors with outside hinges should have their hinges pinned

**Install** a peephole with at least a 180-degree viewing area

**Secure** sliding glass doors with an anti-lifting device and a secondary locking device

Install **secondary locking devices** on all windows

Place **outside lights** high and out of reach

Install **lights** around **doors, walkways, and driveways**

Use **automatic timers** for interior and exterior **lights**

Use **landscaping** to deter burglars

Keep **shrubs and trees trimmed** so doors and windows are visible from the street

**Plant thorny hostile plants** along fences and windows

**Do not leave ladders** or tools outside, these can be used to assist a suspect in gaining entry into your home

**Gates** should be **locked** with a good quality **padlock**

Install large **reflective numbers** on your home and mailbox so **police** and other **emergency** personnel can locate your home

**Install** a home security system

Choose a **reputable, well established company**

Become familiar with the **operation of your alarm system** to reduce false alarms

**Do not write your alarm code** on or near the alarm system

Put **alarm company warning signs** on windows

Keep your **alarm registration** and information **up to date**

**Acknowledge all callers**, known and unknown, through locked doors

**Re-key** or **change locks** on all exterior doors when moving into a new home

**Change** the code to the **garage door** when moving into a new home

Keep all **curtains** or **shades closed**

**Do not leave house keys** in obvious location such as a mailbox, under plants or doormats

**Know your neighbors and be aware of suspicious persons**

## Keep Your Vehicle Safe

**Lock** all doors & **close** windows

**Remove** all **valuables** and **packages** from sight, **even if only away from the vehicle for a few moments**

**Park** in a **well-lit, high visibility** area

Place **valuables** in the **trunk** before arriving to your destination

Watch for **suspicious activity**, such as people looking in vehicle windows or checking door handles

Install a car **alarm**



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