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ROBBERY PREVENTION TIPS

Home Safety

- Do not allow strangers into your home, even if they are hurt or say they need help. Keep the door locked and call the police for them. Do not advertise that you live alone.
- Don't be afraid to call the police to investigate suspicious circumstance, unusual people or strange noises. It is better to be safe than sorry.
- When you move into a new home, change the locks.
- Keep you curtains or shades closed at night.
- Keep your doors locked. Too often, criminals get into homes through unlocked doors and windows.
- Consider installing solid core entry doors with reinforced door frames and dead bolt locks.
- Identify a "safe room" inside the home where residents can go in an emergency. This room should have reinforced doors, an exit to the outside and a telephone.
- Never give information to an unknown caller. Report nuisance calls to the police and the telephone company.
- Don't leave note on your door announcing when you will be home.
- Always verify by telephone that the person works for the company they say they represent and has been sent for a reason. A peephole with a 180 degree viewing angle is excellent for you to verify who is on the other side of the door.
- External lighting provides additional protection from intruders. Remember that criminals may hide in shadows.
- If you arrive home and your door is open or things appear to be out of place – don't go in your home. Leave and call the police.

Vehicle Safety

- Remain alert before entering and exiting your vehicle
- Park in a well lighted area so you can see your car and the surroundings from as far away as possible.
- Have your car key ready before you approach the car so that you can make your entry into the vehicle as quickly as possible. When you are looking for your keys, you may be distracted from what is going on around you.
- Glance into the back seat and floor boards of your car before you enter and check for anyone who maybe hiding inside. This is particularly important if you drive a van type vehicle.
- If you are being followed, don't drive home or get out of your vehicle. Drive to the nearest police precinct, fire station, open store or business for help. Try to note the license plate number and description of the car and the person following you.
- If someone tries to get in your car while you are stopped – drive away quickly.
- When using valet parking, provide parking attendant with the valet key that most car manufacturers provide now. This prevents strangers from looking into your glove compartment and trunk and finding personal information.