

# CRIME ALERT

**Waite Park Neighborhood**

**October 1, 2009**

## **Facts:**

On September 25, there were five burglaries or attempted burglaries of garages in the area between 30th and 31st Avenues NE and between Hayes and Cleveland Streets NE.

## **What you can do:**

1. Call 911 if you hear strange noises or see suspicious behavior in the alley.
2. Be on the lookout for suspicious activity. Look out your back windows; keep outside lights on to increase visibility for both you and your neighbors.
3. If you have valuables in your garage, secure your service door with deadbolt locks with a 1" minimum throw. Cover the area around the lock with a metal door jacket.
4. Keep your garage door closed and locked. Cover the windows so your possessions are not visible. Secure the windows by locking, pinning, or permanently closing them.
5. Do an inventory of your valuables. A suggested form for this is at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/Home-Inventory-Form.xls](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention/docs/Home-Inventory-Form.xls)
6. Secure snowblowers and bicycles inside the garage. Chain them to the garage frame or to a bolt sunk into the floor. Remove keys from snowblowers, motorcycles, cars, etc. and keep the keys in the house.
7. If you don't have an electric garage door opener, install a padlock 1/4" above a roller in the overhead door track when the door is closed.
8. Attach a 12" piece of angle iron to the doorjamb, centered over the area where the bolt goes into the doorjamb.
9. Install a maximum-security strike plate. Use 3"-4" screws to hold it in place.
10. Lock your car doors.

For additional information, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Carol Oosterhuis at 612-673-2874.

If you need this material in an alternative format, please contact the Minneapolis Police Department at 612-673-2912.

