



# Summer crime prevention tips

## 1. To protect young people:

- Have your children observe the Hennepin County curfew hours (Ordinance #16).  
**Under 12 years old:** Weekdays, home by 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat., home by 10 p.m.  
**12-14 years old:** Weekdays, home by 10 p.m. Fri. & Sat., home by 11 p.m.  
**15-17 years old:** Weekdays, home by 11 p.m. Fri. & Sat., home by midnight
- Work with other parents to monitor curfew hours in your neighborhood.
- Call 911 to report any youth disturbances after curfew.

## 2. To prevent bicycle and lawn mower theft:

- Be sure to lock your bicycle to a stationary object. The best locking device is a hardened steel u-shaped lock. (Avoid locks, chains or cables that can easily be cut or broken.)
- Make sure both wheels are locked and remove any accessories that can easily be taken.
- Keep the mower in a locked garage.
- Record the makes, models, serial numbers and descriptions and keep this information in a safe place. See the Home Inventory Form and Home Inventory FAQ flyer for more information at [www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention).

## 3. Yard security:

- If you're working in the front yard, lock the back door and garage. If you're working in the back yard, lock the front door and garage.
- Don't keep ladders or other equipment in the yard that could be used to gain access to your home.
- Keep shrubs, bushes, hedges, and fences to a height of three feet or less.
- Solid fences can prevent neighbors from watching out for each other. Consider chain link or picket-type fencing.
- Residential lighting should be used to light up home entry points. Motion detector lights are an inexpensive deterrent for areas where continuous lighting is unnecessary.

## 4. In the home:

- Learn how to pin your windows to allow ventilation but prevent them from being opened wider.
- Don't advertise your vacation plans. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up the mail and papers and to cut grass.
- Use light timers which will turn two or more lights on and off at predetermined times, similar to times when lights would be on or off normally. The living room and at least one bedroom would be good choices.

## 5. Organize a block/apartment club.

They are a clear deterrent to crime. New block/apartments clubs can receive a free neighborhood watch force sign.

## 6. National Night Out Against Crime

occurs on the first Tuesday of August. Begin planning your block party now.

Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see [www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police\\_outreach\\_safe-teams](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police_outreach_safe-teams) to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention).



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