

Personal Safety An Overview

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Personal Safety

- This presentation is designed to give a general overview of topics that are effecting the citizens of Independence. We will cover the “tip of the iceberg” as far as crimes that are occurring in the city.

Identity Theft and Fraud

- Difference between the two:
- Identity Theft is the taking of one's identity to use to obtain illegal goods or services
- Fraud is using trickery and deceit to fool one out of their liquid assets.

Identity Theft (how it happens)

- Dumpster Diving
- Stolen Purse, Wallet
- Information given out over phone, internet
- Stolen Mail
- Phishing by Mail
- Burglaries
- Larcenies from auto

Identity Theft

- What they Do...
 - Credit cards in your name
 - Open credit accounts in your name
 - Write checks pretending to be you
 - Ruin your credit
- Prevention Tips
 - Do not give out information
 - Keep personal property (purses wallets) close to you
 - Shred, Shred, Shred
 - Purchase Insurance

Identity Theft (what to do)

- Make a police report
- Contact credit card companies
- Contact banks
- Keep track of your credit report

Frauds

- Suspect contacts you
- Offers deals too good to be true
- Examples
 - Home improvement scams
 - Overpay frauds
 - Foreign lotteries
 - Car warranties
 - Fortune Tellers
 - E-mail Solicitations

Frauds

- Frauds (what to do)
 - File police report
 - Freeze accounts, that may be accessible to suspects
- Prevention Tips
 - If it sounds too good to be true, it is
 - Check stories, confirm what people tell you
 - If it requires an answer now, that answer is always NO!

Home Security

- Home security is the ability to keep not only your home safe, but you in your home safe as well

Home Security While Gone

- Keeping your doors locked
- Keeping your windows locked
- Keep different lights on
- Keep TV or radio on
- Have shears, not curtains
- Alarm on or dog if applicable

Examples of Home Security While Home

- Keep doors locked
- Keep windows locked
- Do not let ANYONE IN YOUR HOME you do not know
 - thieves will ask to use phone
 - thieves will ask to use bathroom
- Answer people through the door
- Offer to call the police for anyone who needs assistance
- Call the police if you think something is going on

Examples of Outdoor Security

- Good lighting
- Motion detectors
 - Wireless
 - Wired
 - Wireless LED's
- Trees cut back
- Shrubs cut back
- Clear view of front of house as you pull into house and or garage

Car Security

- As reported in July, car larcenies are up across the city. It is imperative that we take steps to keep our cars safe, while at home and while shopping

Examples of keeping your car safe

- Park in well lighted areas
- Park in areas free of natural or man made obstacles
- Park in well traveled areas
- If parking on street park where you can see your vehicle from house
- Discuss motion wireless light

Examples of keeping your items safe

- Do not leave items in the car
- Do not leave empty bags in your car, thieves do not
- Thieves are targeting ore valuable items not in cars several years ago
 - Ipods
 - Phones
 - Laptops
 - Car Stereos

Conclusion

- Although we can never realistically stop all crime, it is important that we take steps to help us from becoming victims of crime. I have tried to put together as many tips as I can to help make you safer in your day to day life.