CITY OF MASON OHIO

HOME SECURITY

Landscape with Security in Mind

Clear away areas that are overgrown or could provide criminals with hiding spots.

Know Your Neighbors

Work together with your neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious activities in your neighborhood.

Add Lighting & Signage

Lighting and signage can be a great deterrent. Lighting such as motion-sensitive fixtures outdoors and automatic timers indoors can make it seem like you're home when you're away.

Do Not Leave Delivery Boxes in Plain Sight

The longer you leave boxes unattended in front of your house, the more likely they are to be stolen. Try and secure packages as soon as possible, or even require signature for deliver.

Set A Safety Routine

Set a routine of locking all doors and windows and arming your alarm system at night, or whenever you are leaving your house. Also, do not keep spare keys in obvious hiding spots, such as under the front door mat or in a planter.

Manage Visibility

Make sure you can see who is at the front door without opening it, and by placing valuables in the home where they cannot be seen from the street.

Protect Your Outdoor Valuables

Consider securing your grill, lawn mower, bicycles, and other outdoor gear. Also, ensure outdoor structures such as sheds and garages remain locked when not in use.

Create A Plan for When You Are Away

Consider holding your mail, stopping newspaper deliveries, and scheduling lawn care or snow removal when away from your home for extended periods of time so it is not obvious you're away.

Lock Your Vehicles

Make sure your vehicles are locked whenever they are unattended and that no valuables are left in plain sight. Be mindful of leaving garage door openers in your car as well, along with always locking the door from the garage to the inside of your home.

Ask Workers for Proper ID before Letting Them Inside

Always ask workers visiting your home to verify who they are and to provide credentials. If you are unsure of the individual, call the company to verify they are legitimate. Also, if you feel unsafe at any time during the interaction, call the police.