

Ways for Citizens to Remain Safe

The Stratham Police Department has some valuable prevention tips to keep you safe. The following is information to keep in mind while at home and around town:

Theft - Automobiles

- Lock your car.
- Don't leave items of value inside of your vehicle in plain sight.
- Park in well lighted and busy areas.
- Periodically check your car for missing tabs and license plates. (Slice tabs into smaller sections. This will make it harder for them to be stolen.)

Theft - Persons

- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Carry only what you need
- Carry necessary valuables close to your body
- Don't set valuables down (cell phones, purses, etc.)
- Keep wallet inside of a front pocket instead of a purse or a backpack
- Always take items with you, when moving from one area to another area
- Don't walk alone at night, if possible
- Avoid shortcuts through alleys, parks, schoolyards, etc.
- Walk with confidence/people who look lost scared or unsure are attractive to robbers.
- Walk in the middle of the sidewalk or parking lots, especially at night.
- If you are being followed, head toward people, restaurants, gas stations, any open business.

Burglary

- Install sturdy doors and door frames; Keep Garage doors closed (common entry point).
- Use deadbolt locks
- Secure sliding glass doors
- Install window locks
- Install motion sensors or dusk to dawn lighting
- Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed so they don't cover windows or doorways
- Consider an alarm or video monitoring system

- Join a neighborhood watch group and develop relationships with your neighbors
- Keep valuables outside of the bedroom. Burglars usually search the master bedroom first.
- Request a home security audit by the Stratham Police Department.

Other tips for preventing burglary: [10 Home Security Tips to Keep Your Home Safe from Break-Ins \(html\)](#)

Motor Vehicle Theft

- Lock it and pocket the key
- Never leave car running or keys in the ignition
- Make sure all windows & trunk are closed
- Never leave identification tags on your key ring
- Park in well-lighted busy areas
- Inquire about steering column locks, alarms, kill switches, etc.

Remember

Many crimes are preventable if individuals exercise common sense and caution. Your help will assist the police department in maintaining a safe and secure environment.