

SOUTH BETHANY CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATION

I. Introduction

B. Cover topics

- 1. How Home Owners Can and Do Help the Police**
- 2. Protecting Your Home**
- 3. Preventing Crime**
- 4. Engraver**
- 5. Call, Call, Call**

II. How Home Owners Can and Do Help Us

- A. Eyes and Ears of the Police – Police cannot be everywhere**
- B. Know your neighbors**
- C. Familiar with vehicles and people on your street**

III. Protecting Your Home

- A. Criminals are lazy and looking for an easy target**
 - 1. Locks – if old replace, use deadbolts**
 - 2. Doors – make sure sturdy, if old replace**
 - 3. Secure sliders – use broom stick in track or buy special lock**
 - 4. Windows – make sure they are locked, if old/broken insert a peg or nail**
 - 5. Shrubs – keep trimmed, away from windows and entry ways**
 - 6. Lighting – Timed or motion detection lighting on outside**
 - 7. SECURE OUTSIDE VALUABLES – bicycles, canoes, small boats**
 - 8. Avoid sitting electronics or other valuables in a places visible from outside – use drapes if possible**
 - 9. Lock your cars – Secure valuables**
Do not leave computers, cameras, guns, GPS, money, purses.
- B. DO NOT let Strangers into your home.**
- C. DO NOT give out personal information over the telephone**

1. Living alone
 2. Time of day when home will be unoccupied
 - D. DO NOT give the criminal the tools he needs to break into your home
 1. Ladders
 2. Hammers, pry bars
 - E. Home should look occupied
 1. Timed lighting
 2. Use call forwarding when away
 - F. Alarm (Optional)
- IV. Preventing Crime – Results
- A. Greater control of your neighborhood and your own property
 - B. Strengthens the bonds between neighbors
 - C. Greater peace of mind away from home
- V. DO NOT become a Target for Crime
- A. Mail order/Internet Offers – NOTHING is free
 - B. Telephone calls – If you did not initiate the call, end it quickly without giving out personal information – SS#, Credit card #, bank account #
 - C. Door to Door Solicitation – Call the Town Office to ascertain if they are licensed.
 1. DO NOT pay for work “Up Front”
 2. Get a contract
 3. Avoid entirely – engage own contractor
 - D. Trust YOUR Instincts
- VI. Engraver – Mark your Valuables
- A. Free to use
 - B. Available to anyone
 - C. Assign a distinctive number to engrave on belongings
 - D. Should property be stolen, will help identify

VII. Call, Call, Call

- A. Call when you see suspicious activity**
- B. Magnet with our phone number are being ordered**
- C. We are here for you!**