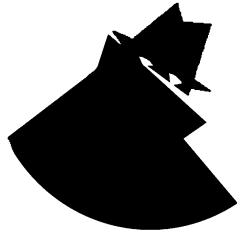


CRIME PREVENTION

Crime prevention defined is the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

While law enforcement and other social forces may reduce the desire to commit crime, crime prevention techniques lend themselves well to reducing the opportunity.

Criminal opportunity is manifested in crime hazards or crime risks such as dark streets, unprotected buildings, or any other area where crime risks are heightened because of a lack of security planning. Realizing that criminals generally take the path of least resistance, it is reasonable to believe that a relationship exists between the number of opportunities at a given location and the number of criminal attacks occurring at that point.



With a concerted effort between the citizens of Morrisville and the Morrisville Police Department, the risk or opportunity to commit criminal activity can be significantly reduced.

It is paramount however, that the citizens participate in this effort in order to achieve success.



Security Tips For Your Home or Business



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Perimeter

(Yard or property surrounding structure)

Fences

- Padlock or combination locks on all gates
- Chain link fences allow better visibility for detection of criminal activity
- Privacy fences can be useful for concealment

Check with planning department regarding applicable codes prior to installing fences

Lighting

- Motion sensors on flood lights. Opposing corners of residence should have flood lights
- Light access points at night

Landscaping

- Trim hedges around windows and doors
- Trim lower limbs of trees close to structure

Miscellaneous

- Arrange to have newspapers collected or donate them to your local school while you are away
- If away for an extended time, arrange to have your property maintained (i.e. grass mowed, etc.)

Building Exterior

(Walls of the structure)

Doors

- Solid core doors are the most secure
- Install peepholes
- Hinges should not be exposed from outside

Windows/ Glass

- Drill a small hole through window sashes. Then place a nail in the drilled hole for added window integrity

A 3-inch nail works well for this

- For commercial property, wire inlay glass can provide added security

Locks

- Deadbolts on all exterior doors. The one-inch deadbolt with appropriate door hinges and security strike is the most secure
- Glass doors should have double cylinder deadbolts requiring keys on both sides of the lock
- Use longer screws in the security strike in order to strengthen the integrity of the door

Miscellaneous

- Have locks re-keyed by a locksmith when buying a new home or when existing keys are unaccounted for

Building Interior

(Inside structure walls)

Alarms

- Components should include a power supply, control unit, sensors and annunciator

Safes

- Should be fire proof and if possible, bolted to the floor

Miscellaneous

- Video or photograph all valuables for insurance and identification purposes
- Engrave your name or other identifiable number into electronic equipment etc.
- Utilize a steel bar on doors in commercial structures
 - Especially rear double doors*
- Keep on-hand cash to a minimum
- Frequent, non-routine bank deposits for commercial properties
- Utilize timers for lights in common areas while away from home or business
- Call the police department for further information or questions