

## Residential Safety Cont'd...



- Ensure newspapers/mail are picked up while you are away.
- Keep valuables well hidden, especially checkbooks and extra checks.
- Photograph your valuable items, electronics and firearms then record and safely store serial numbers and photos.
- Keep premises well lit at night.
- Never let a stranger into your home, not even to make a phone call. Make the call for them while they wait outside.
- Never give information indicating when you will or will not be at home.
- Never let strangers know you live alone.
- If gone overnight, use automatic timers on interior lights to give the appearance that the residence is occupied.

[Notify law enforcement you are going to be away for an extended period by submitting a vacation house check form found at: http://duvallwa.gov/departments/police/](http://duvallwa.gov/departments/police/)

## TIPS FOR VEHICLE SAFETY:

- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Never leave your vehicle running, unattended.
- Keep all valuables hidden or out of unattended vehicles. Use the trunk!
- If leaving your vehicle unattended for extended periods, secure the garage door opener away from the vehicle.
- Keep your vehicle in good mechanical condition and keep emergency supplies, water and extra clothing in your vehicle.
- Do not leave a hidden key attached to the outside of your vehicle.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to a public place, never home.

## Vehicle Safety Continued...

- Don't pick up hitchhikers.
- If a motorist appears stalled, pull over to a safe location or go to the nearest phone and call the police.
- If you get stranded along the roadway, raise the hood slightly and display a SEND HELP sign. Call 911 if it's an unsafe scenario and you can't wait for AAA or a friend.
- Lock yourself inside your vehicle and wait for assistance or police.
- If a stranger stops, stay in your car, but ask him to call 911 if you have no phone.

## REMEMBER...

*If something seems suspicious, it probably is! Don't second guess yourself or try to investigate on your own. Contact the Police and let them determine if a crime has occurred. It is better to be safe than sorry! Together, we can continue to make our communities safe for all.*

*If you are a victim of a crime, then be a good witness. Report the crime immediately, and provide law enforcement with as much detail as possible regarding the suspect(s). You don't have to go through this process alone.*

Your local police department can provide you with information regarding:

- Vacation House Checks
- Home Security Surveys
- Block Watch Information

## Duvall Police Department

**Report Crime Immediately!!! CALL 911**

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## DUVALL POLICE

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

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## The Duvall Police Department

values its relationships with the citizens we serve. Criminal activity affecting our citizens can come in many forms ranging from assault, to theft, burglary, or robbery. The police department and its members pride themselves on ensuring that our communities are safe for all people, whether residents, friends and family of residents, or tourists paying a visit. We feel an informed community is a safe community and have created this pamphlet to help provide safety tips you can use to help minimize the possibility of being victimized.



Duvall continues to have one of the lowest crime rates per capita of ALL King County cities. However, crime exists, period. The most common types of crimes affecting our citizens fall into three categories of safety:

1. **PERSONAL SAFETY**
2. **RESIDENTIAL SAFETY**
3. **VEHICLE SAFETY**

### PERSONAL CRIMES:

Involve crimes that are directed at a person, typically the most violent of crimes, in which a criminal may obtain some type of benefit. This benefit is most likely going to be monetary, or for some, may include physical assault that is sexually motivated. This type of crime can occur anywhere and can become extremely violent because as a “face to face” crime it poses a greater risk of suspect identification.

### RESIDENTIAL CRIMES:

Typically involve crimes at your residence, including occupied and unoccupied residences where the criminal motivation is generally based on obtaining items of value.

### VEHICLE CRIMES:

Like burglary, motor vehicle theft can be completed while your vehicle is occupied or unoccupied. “Carjacking” are horrifying and dangerous. Get out of the car and run. Do not fight with them. BUT!! Most criminals would rather avoid confrontation with a victim and will therefore look for vehicles that are not occupied. The most common vehicle crime in our community is known as a “car prow” or stealing personal items of value from inside your parked car.

*WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF AND TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE I MAY FALL VICTIM TO THESE TYPES OF CRIMES?*



### HERE ARE SOME TIPS...

Law Enforcement cannot predict who is going to fall victim to crime, but we can provide tips to help minimize the chances of our citizens becoming victims. Additionally, should a member of our community become a victim, we can provide tips that may aid in the apprehension of criminals.

### TIPS FOR PERSONAL SAFETY:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Keep your money in your pocket, rather than in a purse or wallet.
- When shopping, do not leave your purse unattended.
- Portray a confident and self-reliant attitude; walk like you’re “on a mission.”
- Do not walk or jog alone at night.
- Be especially alert when using ATMs and pay terminals in stores.

### Personal Safety Continued...

- Never write or store Passwords or Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) on your credit or ATM cards (or anywhere on your person for that matter).
- Do not release your personal information to anyone, unless you absolutely must.
- Only release your social security number if absolutely necessary and NEVER over the phone. Most agencies now that still require a SSN ask for only the last four digits.
- Always shred documents that contain personal information or credit card/bank checks.
- If you lose your credit or ATM cards or bank checks, *notify your bank or credit card company immediately.* The criminal won’t wait, so why should you?
- If someone makes you feel uncomfortable or the situation just does not seem right, trust your instincts and leave.
- Avoid excessive alcohol consumption—especially when in unfamiliar surroundings.
- If you are attacked, robbed or you witness any criminal or violent incident, first protect yourself then call 911 and calmly report as much detail as you can as quickly as you can.

### TIPS FOR RESIDENTIAL SAFETY:

- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Install good quality locks on doors and windows. Deadbolt door locks are always best. Sliding glass patio doors are frequent points of entry for burglars. They should always be reinforced by wedging a stick or pole firmly in the lower track behind the door.
- Unplug your automatic overhead garage door opener when leaving for an extended period.
- Install peepholes on doors and a *monitored* alarm system.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed so doors and windows are not obscured.
- Ask reliable neighbors to watch your residence when you are away.