



Don't be a victim

Neighborhood safety is a community effort.

Lock up

Close and lock doors, windows and garages when you are away or asleep.

Turn lights on

Light deters crime. Leave some interior lights on or on a timer. Outside, consider motion-sensitive lights.

Trim trees and shrubs

Clear any excess that can be used as hiding places.

Keep your keys

Thieves know where to look. Never leave keys hidden under doormats or other "secret" places.

Mark your valuables

Engrave valuable with your driver's license number and record serial numbers.

Reduce temptation

Secure items, such as guns, wallets, purses, electronics or tools, away from your vehicle. Place items in your trunk out of public view.

Lock your car

Lock and secure doors and windows when you leave.

Take your keys

Take them with you or stay with your vehicle while it is running.

Protect your belongings

Keep garage door opener, change and personal information out of plain view. Use a vehicle anti-theft device if possible.

Help identify crime trends. Report at a crime in progress to 9-1-1 or call Crime Check at 509.456.2233 for one that has previously occurred.



Be prepared

Reduce safety hazards and plan for an emergency.

Check smoke alarms

Test monthly and replace every 10 years.

Fact: Working smoke detectors make you twice as likely to survive a fire.

Have a plan

Plan at least two escape options and practice regularly.

Be visible

Clearly post your address so it is easily seen by first responders.

Cook smart

Don't leave cooking food unattended and move flammable items such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging and towels away from your stovetop.

Fact: Cooking equipment accounts for 45% of home fires.

Leave space to grill

Use outdoors only and closely monitor. Keep away from siding, deck railings, eaves and overhanging branches.

Heat safely

Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, and turn them off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Watch candles

Keep on a sturdy base at least one foot from anything flammable, and never leave them burning unattended.

Stop fire temptation

Store matches high and out of reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child safety lock.



For more information, contact SFD's Fire Prevention Division at 509.625.7000.

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