

## Safety/Security Tips

- 1. Common Sense: The most important thing in safety/security is to utilize your common sense. Be aware of your surroundings both at home and away.
- 2. Locks are Key: Engage locks (and dead bolts) even when in residence, both window and door locks. Many burglaries occur without forced entry, as persons lock their front doors, but forget to properly engage the locks for their back doors. Therefore entries are made through those doors when persons are asleep or when they are away from home. Use the deadbolts.
- Easy to See, Easy to Steal: Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle or residence in open view. This makes your residence/vehicle an easy target for theft. Keep small items (keys, cell phones) away from windows, as they could be fished through a broken window.
- 4. Knock, Knock...Who's There?: Do not open your door for anyone unless you are 100% sure who is knocking at your door. If they leave your premises, do not chase after them, let them leave and call the police and Ross Security immediately. Try to pay attention to their size, shape, build, and height, so that you can provide a description to the police.
- 5. Aware of Surroundings: Before getting out of your vehicle when arriving at your residence, survey the surroundings, and if you see any suspicious person in the area, drive around the block, rather than exiting your vehicle. If the situation persists, call the Safety & Security Department at 465-6161 and report your concerns.
- 6. Money, Money: Don't walk with large sums of money, or leave large sums of money at your residence. Utilize the ATM machines and only take the amount of money you require over a short period. Do not take out your wallet/purse to give to beggars. It might be just a ploy and result in a grab and run.

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