

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Auto Burglary & Prevention Tips



Most thefts occur when valuables are left unattended. The thief normally seeks privacy to commit his/her act. Virtually any article left in plain view is apt to be stolen. Most property that is stolen is left unattended or unlocked.

The victim provides the burglar with the opportunity by leaving their vehicle unlocked or their window open. Most property stolen is left in plain view where anyone walking by the car can see it lying there.

Anything of value are the targets. The property most preferred is cash or loose change that is left in the console or ashtray of the vehicle. They also like CD's, wallets, purses, cellular phones, radar detectors, radios, speakers, gps units, and laptops.

Most auto burglaries occur at night while the vehicle is parked outside the victim's residence. Some burglars also target vehicles that are parked in parking lots while their owners are at work, in class, or shopping. They know it's going to be a long time before the owner returns to their car and the likelihood of being caught is low.

Park your car in a garage or parking lot that is supervised by an attendant. Park your car in well-lit areas away from places of concealment, such as alleys and behind bushes. Close your windows and lock your doors. Never hide a key in one of those magnetic key boxes, because if you can find it, so can a burglar. Take your valuables with you when you leave your car or lock them in the trunk out of sight.

What can I do to keep from being the victim of an auto burglary?
Report anyone that is seen trying door handles, looking in cars or loitering in the parking lot. If the burglary is in progress Call 911. They call taker will ask you who you are and where you are calling from. Then they will ask you to describe the suspect (race, sex, height, weight and clothing description). If the burglary has already occurred.
Call Alsip Police non-emergency number at 708-385-6902. Do not get inside of the car to see what's missing because you may be destroying evidence needed to catch the burglar.

Auto Burglary Prevention Tips

Remove visible items from your vehicle - If you leave items visible in your car, you are a target. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat, especially at a gym. Take these with you or secure them in your trunk.

Lock Up!
◦Lock your vehicle and take your keys, even for quick errands.
◦Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into the vehicle.
◦Close all windows, including vent or wing windows and sunroofs.

Vehicle alarms - Buy an alarm and use it! Many people believe that alarms no longer make a difference; however, they do remain an effective deterrent to a burglar. Remember criminals are looking for the easy target.

Vehicle Registration - Black out the address on your registration and photocopy it. Keep the copy, not the original, in your car. You must have the registration available to present to a police officer upon request.

Mail - Do not leave outgoing or incoming mail in your car, especially where visible. This has your name and address on it.

Garage Door Opener - Avoid leaving this in your car if possible.

Park Safely!
◦At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors.
◦Park in a well-lit area.
◦Check to see that your vehicle is visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic

Remember, only you can prevent auto burglaries by removing your valuables from your vehicle and locking them in a safe place. Help us to protect your property.



Burglary From Motor Vehicle

2-19: 3600 BLK 120th PL.: Pry marks found on silver Honda in attempt to steal items from vehicle

Lock Out Crime
– Protect your
home from
intruders

Use sturdy
doors

Use safe locks

Install a
viewfinder

Consider
window pegs

Secure sliding
glass doors

Consider
various outdoor
lighting options

Never allow
strangers into
your home

Put some
electrical
equipment on
timers

Burglary – Residential

None Reported

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

2-15: 11700 BLK TRIPP AVE.: Stop signs defaced with spray-paint by unknown subject

2-20: 5500 BLK 127th ST.: Red Ford scratched on doors parked in lot; suspect named

2-23: 11600 BLK KOLIN AVE.: Victims Mitsubishi damaged while parked on street; suspect named

2-25: 11500 BLK VILLA CT.: Multiple scratches on black Dodge; suspect named

2-25: 4200 BLK 118th PL.: Victims vehicle and residence defaced with spray paint; arrest made

2-25: 4100 BLK 119th ST.: Victims residence defaced with spray paint; arrest made

2-26: 11900 BLK MILLARD AVE.: Windshield wipers damaged on white Kia; arrest made

2-28: 12200 BLK LAWNSDALE AVE.: Screen door and frame damaged on residence; unknown subject

Identity Theft Crimes

2-3: 4600 BLK 131st ST.: Unauthorized charges made on victims credit account

2-20: 11900 BLK LAVERGNE.: Unauthorized charges to victims credit card

2-20: 11400 BLK PEACH TREE: Victims information used to make unauthorized purchase

3800 BLK 124th ST.: Victims personal information used to open account

4000 BLK 127th ST.: Victims personal information used to open account with utility company; suspect named

Fighting Back Against
Identity Theft

**Deter
Detect
Defend**

**Safe guard your
personal
information**

**Routinely monitor
your financial
accounts and billing
statements**

**Defend against ID
Theft as soon as you
suspect it**

**Visit
AnnualCreditReport.com
or call 877-322-8228,
to order your free
credit reports each
year.**

Motor Vehicle Thefts

2-4: 4800 BLK ENGLE RD.: Victims Toyota stolen from parking lot; recovered later

2-4: 3600 BLK 120th ST.: Blue Honda not returned to owner by named subject

2-8: 4100 BLK 127th ST.: Black Audi reported stolen; located at local tow yard

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

2-8: 5300 BLK DIXIE DR.: Unknown subject s=took delivered package from residence

2-27: 11900 BLK RIDGEWAY AVE.: Victims package stolen in transit or from residence by unknown subject



Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902

Crime Prevention Unit.....708-385-6902 x249

Crime Free Housing Program.....708-385-6902 x249

Village of Alsip Departments

Building/Clerks/Water Department.....708-385-6902

Fire Department Non-Emergency.....708-385-6902 x233

Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

Public Works Department.....708-385-6902 x364

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Alsip Police “Cop on a Rooftop 2018”

The Alsip Police Department is preparing to join other law enforcement agencies, across the state, with participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run 2018 Events.

WHAT IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN (LETR)?

The LETR is the single largest year-round fundraising vehicle benefitting Special Olympics Illinois. Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different

legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Summer Games in Normal, IL.

Money raised by the LETR is used to assist nearly 21,000 specially gifted athletes, and more than 4,000 young athletes ages 2-7, with and without intellectual disabilities, annually from communities throughout the state.

Alsip Police Department officers will once again be staking out the rooftop of Dunkin' Donuts (local location TBD) to heighten awareness and raise donations for the



Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

This year's Cops on the Rooftop Event will take place on Friday, May 18th, from 5 a.m. to 12 p.m. at a local Dunkin Donuts to be determined.

Come out, and support your community and Special Olympics Illinois!