

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Best Way to Avoid Telephone Scams is Also the Easiest

Just Hang Up!

Every day, seniors throughout Illinois fall prey to smooth-talking con artists who call them up and tell all kinds of convincing stories to get their money. The Alsip Police Department and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General wants you to know that it's shrewd, not rude, to hang up the phone when a stranger asks you to send them money or give out your personal information. The following are some common warning signs of telephone scams.

THEY CONTACT YOU. When you look up the number of a reputable business on your own and call to place an order, you have a good idea who's on the other end of the deal. But when the tables are turned and someone calls you, you have no way of knowing who the person really is, where they're calling from, or what they want from you.

THEY WANT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. Any time a stranger asks you for your bank account number, Social Security number, or other sensitive information, you should be on high alert. This is a sure

sign of identity theft. **Never** give personal or financial information to someone you do not know.

THEY PROMISE A BIG AWARD. Scammers try to lure you in with promises of unexpected riches such as a large sum of money, a vacation, or a "get rich quick" investment scheme. Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Just Hang Up!

YOU MUST PAY THEM FIRST. It is illegal for someone to require an up-front payment to claim a lottery or sweepstakes prize. Scammers will often tell you that you must wire money out of state, or even out of the country, to obtain your winnings. **Never** wire money to stranger. Wiring money is just like sending cash—scammers will get the money quickly, and you won't get it back.

Consider placing your phone number on the **National Do Not Call Registry**, if you haven't already done so. This will block most unwanted telemarketing calls. So, once your number is on the registry, you'll know that



any telemarketer who does call you is probably up to no good. You can register your home phone or cell phone online at www.donotcall.gov or by calling **1-888-382-1222** (TTY: **1-866-290-4236**) from the phone number you wish to register.

If you've fallen victim to or want to report a telephone scam, please contact your local police department or **Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline** at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013) or **Senior Fraud Helpline** at 1-800-243-5377.

Resource: Office of the Illinois Attorney General

School is Out – Drive Safely

As the school year ends, the Alsip Police Department would like to remind everyone to drive safely.

Please help kids enjoy their summer vacation by being aware of pedestrians, bike riders

etc. Obey posted speed limits and use extra caution at stop signs and in residential areas.

Illinois law now requires ALL vehicle passengers, including back seat passengers, to wear seat belts. Remember to buckle

up and secure children under 8 years old in age-appropriate child safety seats.

Contact Ofc. R. Merlo at 708-385-6902 ext. 249 to schedule a safety seat inspection.

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 From Motor Vehicle

6-4: 12400 BLK ORCHARD LN.: Wallet stolen from green Dodge parked on street; No forced entry

6-5: 3600 BLK 125th ST.: Loose change & digital music player stolen from unlocked black Chevrolet

6-23: 11600 BLK KEDVALE: Children's toy & loose change stolen from green Toyota; no forced entry

6-24: 4300 BLK LINECREST DR.: Cigarettes & lighters Stolen from a grey Mazda

6-28: 4500 BLK 129th ST.: Loose change stolen from black Hyundai parked in driveway; no forced entry

6-28: 12800 BLK APPLE LN.: Sunglasses stolen from unlocked grey Subaru

6-29: 4400 BLK 129th ST.: Change stolen from grey Nissan; no forced entry

Burglary – Residential

6-25: 11600 BLK LEAMINGTON: Currency & keys stolen from home; no forced entry

6-27: 4200 BLK 115th PL.: Backpack, mask, & shoes stolen from residence; no forced entry

6-28: 11800 BLK KARLOV AVE.: Purse & furniture stolen from residence; no forced entry

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

6-2: 3700 BLK 120th ST.: Picture window damaged on residence; arrest made

6-20: 12000 BLK LOCKWOOD: Several mailboxes damaged in the area by unknown subject

6-22: 4100 BLK 127th ST.: Victims vehicle damaged by named subject; complaints refused by victim

Identity Theft Crimes

6-20: 3600 BLK 120th ST.: Victims personal information used to receive benefits; suspect named

6-21: 11900 BLK RIDGEWAY: Victims account information used to make purchases without permission

6-28: 4700 BLK 128th ST.: Victims account information used to make purchases without knowledge or permission

Fighting Back Against
Identity Theft

**Deter
Detect
Defend**

**Safe guard you
personal
information**

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

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

Motor Vehicle Thefts

6-5: 3600 BLK DEER PARK DR.: Blue Hyundai stolen from driveway; later recovered

6-25: 3900 BLK 115th PL.: Brown Oldsmobile stolen from lot; recovered later

6-11: 4900 BLK ENGLE RD.: Black/Maroon Motorcycle stolen from street; unknown offender

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

6-19: 11700 BLK KARLOV AVE: Victims prescriptions stolen upon delivery; unknown subject

6-25: 3600 BLK 123rd ST.: Outdoor air conditioner damaged in theft attempt; arrest made

6-20: 4300 BLK EMERALD WAY: Bicycle stolen from front of evidence; unknown subject

6-25: 3600 BLK 123rd ST.: Outdoor air conditioner damaged in theft attempt; arrest made

6-21: 11900 BLK RIDGEWAY: Check & cellphone stolen from residence by unknown subject

6-29: 3600 BLK DEER PARK DR.: Copper pipe stolen from residence by unknown subject

6-22: 11400 BLK MATHER: Kitchen utensils & bath towels stolen; suspect named

6-30: 12000 BLK TRIPP AVE.: (2) window air conditioner units stolen from residence by unknown subject

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



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

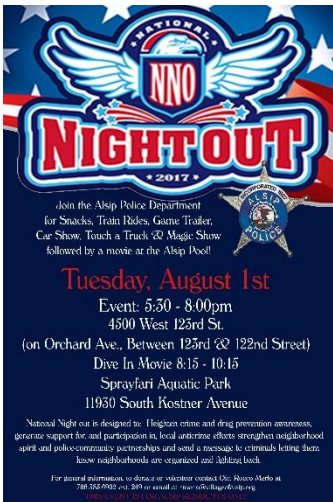
Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

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

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ALSIP NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017



The 34th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 1, 2017.**

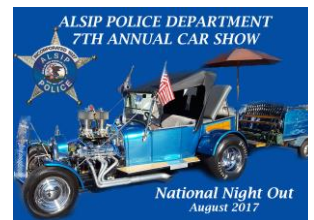
National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and strengthen police-community partnerships.

The Alsip Police Department has scheduled this event locally between **5:30pm-8pm (On Orchard Street, between 123rd & 122nd St.) and 8:15pm-10:15pm, at the Alsip Park District Pool (11930 S. Kostner).**

This community event will feature give a ways, music, snacks, train safety rides, games, magic show, DJ, food, caricature artist, and a face painter.

The 7th Annual Alsip National Night Out 2017 Classic Car Show (*Invitation Only*) is also scheduled between **5:30pm-8:30pm** on Orchard Ave. Don't miss all the classic cars.

The night concludes with a Dive in Movie at the Alsip Sprayfari Aquatuc Park at 11930 S. Kostner Ave., from 8:15-10:15pm (Alsip Residents Only – Must Show ID).



If you need more information about this event, contact the Crime Prevention Unit 708.385.6902 x249 or visit our website: www.alsippolicedepartment.com

