

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: 12500 BLK KEELER AVE.: Wallet taken from black Jeep parked in driveway

6-4: 11700 BLK KEELER AVE.: (2) vehicles entered in area no items stolen

6-4: 12800 BLK KENNETH AVE.: Blue Toyota entered; wallet, shoes, & Id's stolen

6-4: 12300 BLK LOVELAND AVE.: Wallet stolen from white Cadillac and change stolen from blue Chevrolet

6-4: 3700 BLK 123rd PL.: (2) vehicles entered in the area; paper work and parking permit stolen

6-25: 4000 BLK 119th ST.: Tools, cd's, & monies stolen from black Hyundai parked in lot

Burglary – Residential

6-3: 5500 BLK 127th ST.: Shoes & Boots stolen from residence

6-25: 11900 BLK SPRINGFIELD AVE.: Small amount of cash stolen from residence

6-26: 5900 BLK 125th PL.: Keys stolen from garage for vehicle; vehicle then stolen from front of home

6-23: 3600 BLK SCOTT DR.: Door damaged on vacant home; no items stolen

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

6-3: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.: Windows and tires damaged on red Dodge; suspect named

6-7: 4100 BLK 127th ST.: Red Dodge scratched by named subject

6-11: 12600 BLK ALPINE DR.: Victims property and residence damaged by named subject

6-13: 5100 BLK 113th ST.: Victims bushes & fence posts damaged; offender issued MV Citation

6-13: 11500 BLK LAWLER AVE.: Mailbox & concrete base damaged by unknown subject

6-14: 11700 BLK KOMENSKY AVE.: Vacant home damaged by several teenagers; MV citations issued

6-15: 11700 BLK KOMENSKY AVE.: Grey Mercedes paint damaged by unknown subject

6-18: 12700 BLK LACROSSE AVE.: Wood frames on front and back doors damaged

Identity Theft Crimes

6-6: 4100 BLK TERMUNDE DR.: Victims personal information used to make purchases

6-11: 11700 BLK TRIPP AVE.: Victim personal info used to open line of credit

6-28: 12100 BLK CICERO AVE.: Victims personal information used to open line of credit to make purchases

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

6-12: 3700 BLK 119th ST.: (2) vehicles had steering columns peeled in attempt to steal from victim

6-21: 12800 BLK KENNETH AVE.: Victims maroon Dodge taken without permission; vehicle returned

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

6-1: 3700 BLK 119th ST.: TV & gaming counsel stolen from residence; suspect named

6-1: 3600 BLK 119th ST.: Victims dog stolen; dog returned and complaints refused by victim

6-13: 11300 BLK LAWLER AVE.: Cash & jewelry stolen from residence; suspect named

6-14: 11700 BLK LAPORTE AVE.: Monies stolen from residence; restitution paid to victim

6-20: 4400 BLK FEY LN.: Metal slats stolen from victims' fence by unknown subject

6-24: 3900 BLK 115th PL.: Gaming counsel stolen from residence by unknown subject

6-28: 11800 BLK KARLOV AVE.: Victim had pistol stolen from residence; suspect named



Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6167

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

We're on the Web!

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ALSIP NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

The 35th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 7, 2018.**

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 Mulberry Dr., between Orchard Ave. & 44th PL.) 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, gaming trailer and activities for all ages, including a reptile show from 7-8pm.

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).

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

