

## ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Working Together To Make Alsip A Great Place To Live

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### SECURE YOUR HOME FOR SUMMER VACATION

**Going on a trip?** Take precautions to keep potential intruders away from your property.

Arrange for mail and newspapers to be held while you are away. They can pile up quickly, and overflowing mailboxes are a sure sign you are *not* home.

If you have an alarm system, show it off by placing an easy to see sign on your door, window or front lawn.

Improve your doors kick-in resistance by replacing ½-inch brass mounting screws with 3-inch screws that reach the door's studs.

Secure all doors and windows but leave some drapes and window treatments slightly open. Put some indoor lights on timers.

Invest in motion sensing floodlights for your backyard or driveway. Glaring light will



deter potential intruders.

Leave a radio or television on in your home and a vehicle in your driveway.

Take a walk around your house before you leave and give your house sitter a spare key. **DO NOT** hide the key under a rock, doormat, or in the BBQ grill.

Alert a neighbor, family member, or friend that you will be away, so they can keep an eye on your home. Avoid making comments on

social networking websites of your plans to go on vacation.

Complete an Alsip Police Department Security Check Report Form at no cost and Alsip patrol officers will perform a daily premise check of your home while you are away.

Forms are available at the front desk of the Alsip Police Department or contact the Crime Prevention Unit 708-385-6902 ext. 249.

### 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.

## Burglary From Motor Vehicle

**5-5: 5000 BLK 120<sup>th</sup> ST.:** (2) vehicles in the area entered; wallet and purse stolen from one vehicle no items from the other

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

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## Burglary – Residential

**5-13: 12800 BLK BLOSSOM DR.:** Unlocked garage entered and power tool stolen

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## Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

**5-2: 4100 BLK 127<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Black Jeep spray painted in lot by unknown offender

**5-5: 11800 BLK KARLOV AVE.:** Paint poured on silver Hyundai; unknown offender

**5-7: 3700 BLK 121<sup>st</sup> ST.:** Black Chevrolet had brick thrown at door; 24 year old offender located and issued MV citation

**5-17: 4000 BLK 127<sup>th</sup> ST.:** Gas cap, license plate, & (2) tires damaged on red Nissan parked in lot; suspect named

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## Identity Theft Crimes

**5-18: 11700 BLK KOMENSKY AVE.:** Victims personal information used to access account

**5-20: 11600 BLK LEE RD.:** Victims personal information used to access bank account; purchases made with out authority

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**

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

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## Motor Vehicle Thefts

**5-7: 12000 BLK VANBEVEREN DR.:** Black Range Rover stolen from driveway by unknown offender

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## Theft Over/Under \$500.00

**5-8: 3700 BLK 121<sup>st</sup> PL.:** Victims debit card stolen from residence; suspect named

**5-24: 11400 BLK AVON AVE.:** Washer, Dryer, & lawnmowers taken from residence; suspect named



Awareness is the Key to Your Safety.

## VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6131

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.....708-385-6121

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

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

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## LOCK IT OR LOSE IT! – AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION

**LOCK IT**   
**OR LOSE IT** 



- Always roll up vehicle windows and lock doors
- Never leave keys in vehicle
- Remove or hide personal belongings
- Park in well-lit areas when possible
- Report all suspicious activity, suspicious persons, and suspicious vehicles



Auto burglaries are almost always crimes of opportunity. So, auto burglary prevention starts by taking some simple steps to limiting a criminal's opportunity to commit the crime. Criminals are looking for something to steal, don't supply the valuables. Leaving your valuables in your vehicle instantly makes your car a target for thieves.

It only takes a few seconds for thieves to break into your vehicle and steal your valuables, but is also only takes a few seconds for you to remove your valuables and secure your vehicle, which means it takes a few seconds to help reduce the risk of your car being burglarized.

Here are some tips to help curb auto burglaries:

Roll your windows up and lock your doors. (we often hear people say they leave their doors unlocked because they don't want to replace a window if a burglar breaks in. Burglars typically do not take the effort to break windows unless they see something inside a vehicle that they want)

Do not leave valuables in plain view within the vehicle. (Backpacks, medication bottles, old empty purses and wallets, leather organizers/portfolios, cups full of coins,

cigarettes, and many other items may not seem valuable to you, but a burglar might feel otherwise.

Remove GPS devices, keys/fobs, phones, tools, iPads, laptops, and similar/valuable items when the vehicle is not attended, even if you are just leaving it unattended for a short time such as when you are picking up your kid from day care.

Report suspicious activity immediately to the police i.e. juveniles out past curfew, people walking around trying car door handles to see if they are unlocked or are peeking into the windows of random vehicles.