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Theft and Burglary Prevention Tips

There has been a recent region-wide uptick in burglary and auto crime, including locally, and the Scarsdale Police Department is offering tips to reduce your chance of becoming a victim.

To make crime less likely to occur, the Scarsdale Police Department urges community members to adhere to these best practices:

- Immediately call 911 to report any observed suspicious activity.
- Always keep doors and windows secured – even on the second story.
- If you have an alarm system, arm it whether you are home or away.
- Don't leave valuables like cash, wallets, purses, or vehicle keys in a place easily seen through a window by an entry door or other similar location.
- Use security lighting, such as motion-activated lights.
- Never allow packages or other mail to pile-up on a doorstep or in the driveway. When going away, consider placing U.S. Mail [on hold](#) and/or having a friend or family member collect your mail and any other packages, being sure to note and report any observed signs of potential forced entry into the unoccupied home.
- Never leave keys under doormats or in other common hiding places outside of your home.
- Always lock your vehicle and be sure to remove the key and any valuables.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended, whether at home or elsewhere.
- Do not leave your garage door opener visible within your vehicle; secure it in a glovebox or similar area.

Additional Scarsdale Police Department crime prevention information is available [online](#).

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