



Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in nighttime residential burglaries in Kitsap County.

With the holiday season in full swing, Deputies are stepping up neighborhood patrols throughout the county and we are asking you to help us by taking extra precautions to secure your homes and property and letting us know when suspicious or unusual activity is happening in your neighborhoods.

Here are a few tips to help safeguard your property and deter criminal activity:

1. Lock your doors and windows when you go to bed. This is also a good idea during daytime hours. Oftentimes, burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Do your best to limit these opportunities.
2. The same advice applies to your vehicles as well...lock and alarm them. Don't leave anything valuable inside your cars, especially in sight, inviting thieves to victimize you.
3. Keep the exterior of your home lit up at night. Turn on garage and porch lights to help illuminate entry points around your home.
4. Consider installing alarms, if possible, on your homes and vehicles. If you hear an alarm sounding, don't assume it is monitored, call 9-1-1.
5. If you see or hear suspicious activity in your neighborhood, please call 9-1-1 when you see it...all times of the day but especially at night. Deputies will respond to investigate as fast as they can.

You may consider organizing a community watch group in your neighborhood. For more information and support on how to do this, please contact Deputy Schon Montague at SMontague@kitsap.gov.

For more tips and information about how to safeguard you home and neighborhood, please visit our web page at the following link:

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/sheriff/Pages/crimeprevention.aspx>

Working together, as partners, we can make an impact on the safety and security of our homes and neighborhoods to ensure Kitsap County is a safer place to live, work and play!

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