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**CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER  
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**DON'T BE an EASY TARGET!!**

The Jeffersontown Police Department has received an increased number of report car break-ins. Take the lead in impacting crime in your neighborhood, lock your car doors and remove valuable items from sight. A majority of the vehicles that were targeted were left unlocked. Remember the tree sides of the crime triangle:

**DESIRE + ABILITY + OPPORTUNITY = CRIME**

Remove the opportunity to commit crime by taking the following measures:

- Always lock your vehicle and enable the alarm.
- Never, ever leave valuables in the open!! (Purses, cell phones, GPS, cash, wallets, wrapped gifts.) Remove them, or secure them completely out of sight.
- Be aware of your surroundings. (Watch for suspicious people loitering in parking lots.)
- Write down personal items in you home and vehicle. (Brand name, model number, and serial number.)



## Scammers and Scoundrels



It is that time of year again when the home improvement/repair scams reappear. These include offers to do work around the home such as driveway sealing, landscaping, painting, tree trimming, repairs, lighting, etc.

### Be Cautious

Don't do business with someone who comes to your door. Take the company's information and tell them you will contact them later. Notice if the contractor drives a vehicle with no company name and phone number or with out-of-state license plates. Do not let the person inside your home!

### Do Your Research

- Research the company. Check out its rating and complaint history with the Better Business Bureau.
- Check the background of the contractor.
- Ask for proof that the company is properly licensed and bonded (to protect you against theft and damage). Make sure that it carries liability insurance, and that it provides workers' compensation insurance.
- Get references. Ask for references from the company's last three jobs—and check those references!
- Study the contractor's business card. There should be a certifiable street address and an office telephone number. Do not trust those that only have P.O. boxes and answering machines.

We are counting on everyone to remain vigilant make crime prevention a priority.

Emergency call 911

To report a crime call (502) 267-0503

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