**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

1. **REPLACE LOCKS ON NEWLY ACQUIRED RESIDENCES.**
2. **INSTALL DEADBOLT LOCKS ON ALL OUTSIDE DOORS.**
3. **ENSURE ALL MOLDINGS ARE TIGHTLY FITTED.**
4. **ENSURE ALL OUTSIDE DOORS OPEN INWARD TO AVOID SOMEONE REMOVING THE**

 **HINGE PIN TO GAIN ENTRY.**

1. **ENSURE ALL WINDOWS HAVE LOCKS—AND USE THEM.**
2. **DO NOT KEEP LARGE SUMS OF MONEY IN YOUR HOME.**
3. **BE SURE YOU KNOW WHO IS AT THE DOOR BEFORE YOU OPEN IT.**
4. **KEEP OUTSIDE DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**
5. **KEEP GARAGE DOORS AND SHED DOORS CLOSED AND LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**
6. **MAINTAIN SHRUBS AROUND YOUR HOME WHICH CAN HIDE A BURGLAR TRYING TO**

 **GAIN ACCESS TO YOUR HOME.**

1. **DO NOT SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION, SUCH AS ADDRESS AND HOME PHONE**

 **NUMBERS WITH STRANGERS.**

1. **BE CAREFUL PRIOR TO ALLOWING STRANGERS TO ACCESS YOUR HOME FOR ANY**

 **REASON.**

1. **PLACE COATS AND PURSES OF VISITORS IN A SECURE LOCATION.**
2. **KEEP AN OUTSIDE LIGHT ON ALL EXTERIOR ENTRANCES DURING DARKNESS.**
3. **PLACE ALL VALUABLES IN A SECURE LOCATION AT NIGHT BEFORE BED.**
4. **REMOVE YOUR HOUSE KEYS IF YOU ARE LEAVING CAR KEYS AT A PARKING FACILITY.**
5. **DO NOT LEAVE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON KEY RINGS.**
6. **REPLACE ALL LOCKS IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR KEYS ARE LOST.**
7. **WRITE DOWN ALL CREDIT CARD NUMBERS, CONTACT INFORMATION AND SERIAL**

 **NUMBERS OF ALL APPROPRIATE PROPERTY FOR IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION**

 **IN CASES OF LOSS OR THEFT.**

1. **ENGRAVE ALL VALUABLES WITH A DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER NUMBER WHICH YOU**

 **CAN IDENTIFY IN CASE OF LOSS OR THEFT.**

1. **PHOTOGRAPH ALL VALUABLES.**
2. **SHOULD YOU DETECT AN INTRUDER, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT CONFRONT**

 **ANY INTRUDER.**

1. **DO NOT ENTER YOUR HOME IF YOU OBSERVE SIGNS OF FORCED ENTRY. GET AWAY**

 **FROM THE DOOR AND CALL 9-1-1.**

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**24. CONTACT THE HELMETTA POLICE FOR A CUSTOMIZED SAFETY AND SECURITY AUDIT**

 **AND REVIEW OF YOUR HOME. THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS VALUABLE SERVICE. WE**

 **CAN IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE YOU MAY WANT TO MAKE SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS**

 **TO YOUR HOME TO MAKE IT MORE SAFE.**

**WHILE AWAY ON VACATION**

1. **COMPLETE A “HOUSE WATCH FORM” AVAILABLE ON THE BOROUGH POLICE**

 **WEBPAGE.**

1. **CREATE A “LIVED-IN” APPEARANCE FOR YOUR HOME.**
2. **DO NOT LEAVE NOTES ON DOORS FOR DELIVEDRY PERSONS AS THIS ANNOUNCES**

 **YOUR ABSENCE.**

1. **ENSURE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE LOCKED PRIOR TO LEAVING.**
2. **DO NOT LEAVE KEYS HIDDEN NEAR YOUR DOORS.**
3. **LEAVE A SPARE KEY WITH A TRUSTED NEIGHBOR, AND HAVE THEM KEEP WATCH**

 **ON YOUR HOME.**

1. **HAVE YOUR LAWN MAINTAINED DURING YOUR ABSENCE.**
2. **ARRANGE FOR SNOW REMOVAL IF YOU ARE GONE WHEN THERE IS A CHANCE OF**

 **SNOW.**

1. **ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO RETRIEVE YOUR MAIL AND NEWSPAPRERS.**
2. **DO NOT PUBLICIZE YOUR ABSENCE, ESPECIALLY ON SOCIAL MEDIA SUCH AS**

 **FACEBOOK ETC.**

1. **LEAVE DRAPES AND BLINDS TO REMAIN IN THE USUAL POSITION.**
2. **PUT RADIOS AND LIGHTS ON TIMERS, IF YOU ARE ABLE.**
3. **LEAVE CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE POLICE VIA OUR FORM OR WITH A**

 **TRUSTED NEIGHBOR.**