**Neighborhood Safety Tips**

**Stay “ALERT” and “Do the Five”**

**Be A.L.E.R.T. –**

**ALERT – I know who my neighbors and their kids are and I know which cars belong on my street.**

**LIGHTS – My house is well-lit at night. I have installed motion detectors or dusk-to-dawn lights in areas where people may walk.**

**EMERGENCY – I am ready for a crisis and keep neighbors’ phone numbers handy, just in case. I know neighbors’ children would come to my house for help. I could tell firefighters how many pets and people in my neighbor's house if there was a fire on my street.**

**RESPONSIBLE – I call 311 and 911 when I see a potential issue or crime. I ask for an incident number and report it to the Neighborhood Assoc so it can be tracked and the community can be made aware of it.**

**TIDY – I keep my home, yard, and street neat. I trim my bushes and trees so windows and doors can be seen. I keep my driveway and porch free of clutter. I pick up trash on my street, handle graffiti, and pitch in to help other neighbors who need a hand. I want criminals to see that my home and street are cared for and their activities will not be tolerated.**

**Do the “Five” --**

**By keeping an eye out for your neighbors on either side of your house & the three houses across the street:**

* **Pick up newspapers, trash, and flyers**
* **Mow grass, remove dead brush, keep things tidy**
* **Offer to park your car in a neighbor’s driveway if they are on vacation**
* **Be creative and send criminals a clear message: I live here and I care about my neighborhood.**

### Watch For…

* **Suspicious persons or activities.**
* **Vehicles passing by numerous times, suspiciously parked, or appear to be aimlessly cruising.**
* **Strangers in your neighborhood, especially if they are loitering with cell phones or backpacks.**
* **Teenagers who are hanging out in the neighborhood while school is in session.**
* **People with flyers or handouts. They may be casing the neighborhood, looking for easy targets**
* **The person “taking a short-cut” through a yard**
* **Strange vehicles parked at your neighbor’s house**

**If you see something suspicious don’t assume someone else has called the police. It is your neighborhood – Take *Action* and do something about it. Note the description of the suspicious person and/or vehicle and call the police immediately at 911 if it is in progress or call 311 if it is no longer happening.**

**If you see an actual crime in progress, immediately call 911 and report this incident to the police.**

**And always contact your neighborhood association and let them know, so they can pass along the info.**

**Remember criminals want:**

**easy targets, easy access, lack of enforcement, lack of concerned citizens**