

Neighborhood Safety Tips:

Meet and get to know your neighbors. Neighbors know what does and does not belong. A good neighbor always reports suspicious activity to the police.

Doors, keep all of your exterior doors locked (this includes storm doors), even when you are home.

If a stranger knocks on your door, answer the door, but do not open the door. Never open your door to a stranger.

When vehicles are left parked outside, always lock the doors and remove valuables (phones, purses, billfolds, briefcases, back packs, laptops, MP3 player, GPS).

House numbers at least 4" (6" preferred) clearly visible. Drive up to your house at night and see if you can clearly read your house numbers.

Household items (ladders, bicycles, garden hoses) secured when not used.

Garage door secured and kept closed at all times.

The front of your house should have adequate lighting (low voltage or solar path lights, dim soffit and landscape lighting), and motion sensing light on the sides and back of the residence.

If you have an alarm system, make sure everyone in the residence knows how to use the alarm. Over 99% of all alarms are false. Make sure a trusted neighbor or close relative can respond to your home in case of an alarm.

If you go on vacation make sure to arrange for snow removal/ lawn mowing. Have someone set out your trash. Leave emergency contact information with a neighbor. Have a neighbor or family member pick up mail, news papers, door hangers.

To report suspicious activity, the non-emergency number for the Overland Park Police is 913-895-6300.

The City of Overland Park provides a free security survey for residents. To schedule a survey contact Crime Prevention at 913-895-6290