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Dear Residents,

The aim of effective crime prevention is removing one of the legs of the crime triangle:

1. Victim/target
2. Criminal desire
3. Opportunity

Removal of one of these elements of the crime triangle ensures that crime cannot flourish here in the city of Riverview.

NOTE: These lists of crime prevention tips is not exhaustive and are merely recommendations. If Citizens use some or all of these recommendations; it will help us; help you stay safe and secure in your home.

## HOME:

- Number of the home should be clear and using reflective lettering easily observed from sidewalk and street.
- Paint Numbers of the residence on the curb.

## Doorwalls or Acacia Doors:

- Install 3/8 or 1/2 inch screws indoor track to prevent the door from being lifted off the track and defeated. These cannot be seen by the offender and secure the door better than the stick in the track.
- Glass break and magnetic switch on doors monitored by alarm company.

## LIGHTING

- It is a recognized fact that good lighting is an easy and affordable deterrent to crime.
- Security Lighting should be located high on the home out of reach and vandal resistant.
- Lighting should be directed to areas of vulnerability within the perimeter of the property and home. With that being said; it is imperative to not overuse light in such a fashion as to cause light trespass and encroach onto neighbor's property.

## Areas:

- Four corners of the home, shadows in areas around shrubbery and near exterior of the home.
- Motion lighting,
- No covers over lighting so it does not add or distort color.

## **FOILAGE and SHRUBBERY**

- Ground plants within four feet of any sidewalks, driveways, doors and gates recommended to be no more than two feet high absolute maximum of four feet to ensure observable of areas of approach.

## **DOORS; LOCKS and WINDOWS:**

- Steel or solid core wooden doors recommended for entrances into the home and maintenance door to garage. Security locks with a deadbolt equipped with a one inch throw.
- Preferably no glass in entrance door recommended if glass is present within 40 inches of locking mechanism of door; it must be secured.
- 180 degree peep viewer.
- Security, 3m glazing on windows and or glass break alarms that are monitored 24-7 by alarm company.

## **Garage Door:**

- Reinforced metal hinges on garage doors. Garage doors should be locked at all times even when occupants are home.
- Use electric garage door openers with cipher lock are recommended.
- Motion lighting recommended to approach of side door of garage and main entry door to the garage.
- Any maintenance items contained in garage or outbuildings should be listed with value and identifying marks. i.e. make, model, serial numbers.

## **VEHICLES:**

- Secure all vehicles at all times parked in the driveway and inside your garage. No valuables should be left in the vehicle under no circumstances.

Remember these are recommendations. Each may or may not pertain to your properties. Plan, Prepare, Stay Aware.

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