

Crime and Safety – Burglary Control Strategy

Crime Prevention Information from the Crime Prevention and Safety Committee

The Kansas City Star recently recognized Mission Hills for having the lowest crime rate in the metropolitan area. This distinction is the result of the hard work and teamwork of the residents of Mission Hills and our excellent police department.

Mission Hills rarely experiences violent crime but we are particularly vulnerable to home and auto burglaries. In the last five years, burglaries have declined more than 80% over the prior ten-year average.

Below are the key action steps associated with our success. They are rather simple but they require discipline and consistency.

Mission Hills Burglary Control Strategy:

1. Secure homes and autos at all times. Lock your doors even when you are home. Keep garage doors closed. Burglars will enter occupied residences, especially if they have easy access.
2. Use burglar alarms when you leave your house or retire for the evening.
3. Keep autos in a locked garage. If this is not possible, at least keep them locked and in well-lit areas. Keep garage door openers out of sight.
4. Never leave an unattended vehicle running, especially if you are unable to lock it. Potential thieves will cruise the neighborhood looking for this type of opportunity.
5. Keep valuables secured and out of sight.
6. Install and use security lighting.
7. Do not let mail and newspapers pile up if you are away from home for more than a day.
8. Know your neighbors. Use your *Mission Hills Neighborhood Directory* (available from the Homes Association of the Country Club District) for this purpose. Report suspicious activity to police by dialing 911. When in doubt, call 911.

We have an excellent police force but our success depends upon all residents being alert and pro-active. Let's continue to work together and in cooperation with our police department to keep Mission Hills burglary-free!

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