

THE CRIME WATCHER



The Fishers Crime Watch Program began in 1994 and easily reaches 3,000 homes in Fishers. I encourage you to become active in your neighborhood and support the Crime Watch Program. When neighbors look out for each other, everyone benefits.

Chief George G. Kehl

Did you know.....

* Property crime makes up slightly more than three-quarters of all crime in the United States

* The average dollar loss per burglary offense in 2005 was \$1,725.

* Of all burglary offenses in 2005, 65.8 percent were of residential structures.

* Most (62.4 percent) of residential burglaries in 2005 for which time of occurrence was known took place during the day, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

* A burglary takes place in the U.S. every 14.6 seconds according to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program Crime Clock.

* Overall, in about 84% of all burglaries, the offender gained entry into the victim's residence or other building on the property.

Source: Crime in the United States 2005 Department of Justice - Federal Bureau of Investigation

STOP THIEF!! BURGLARY PREVENTION IN FISHERS

The Fishers Police Department is urging residents to be proactive in preventing these crimes. Below are some tips that will help you avoid being a victim:

If you observe something suspicious, go with your instinct and avoid attempts at justifying or explaining away the circumstance. Call the police.

Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened. An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars. Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks. All windows should have window locks.

Secure sliding glass doors by placing a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts.

Always lock the door to an attached garage. Don't

rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.

Create the illusion that you are home by using timers on lights, radios and TV's. Make your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, to help deter criminals.

Keep the perimeter of your home well lit. Installing low voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders.

Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate. You can also ask a neighbor to park in your driveway to make it appear that you are present.

Keep some shades and blinds up and curtains open to maintain a normal, everyday appearance in your residence.

Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home. A message that you will return at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.

Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. Large and ornate hedges may be beautiful but they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only a minute to break in through a window or door.

Organize a Neighborhood Watch program to protect your neighborhood. An alert community is a safe community. Contact Officer Tom Weger at 595-3300 to start a Neighborhood Watch in your area.



For more information on the Fishers Police Department Crime Watch Program—Please call Sgt. Randy McFarland or Officer Tom Weger at 317-595-3300.

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Phone: 317-595-3300
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FPD Tip Line: 317-595-3305

Where Burglars Enter a House...

-One survey in Pennsylvania showed that 81 percent of residential intrusions occur through the first floor.

-34 percent of burglars entered through the front door;
-23 percent through a first-floor window;

-22 percent through the back door;

-9 percent through the garage;

-4 percent entered through a basement;

-4 percent through an unlocked entrance;

-2 percent through a storage area;

and only 2 percent entered anywhere on the second floor.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/

Beware The Aggressive Driver

Who Are They?

High risk drivers climb into the anonymity of an automobile and take out their high level of frustrations on anyone at any time with a low level of concern for fellow motorists.

They run stop signs and red lights, speed, tailgate, weave in and out of traffic, pass on the right, make improper and unsafe lane changes, make hand and facial gestures, scream, honk, and flash their lights.

They drive at high speeds, causing them to follow too closely, change lanes frequently and abruptly without signaling, pass on the shoulder of the roadway, and leer at and/or threaten verbally or through gestures - motorists who are thoughtless enough to get in their way.

When confronted by an aggressive driver remember these tips:

Get out of their way.

Never challenge them by speeding up or attempting to hold-your-own in your travel lane.

Wear your seat belt. It will hold you in your seat in case you need to make an abrupt driving maneuver and it will protect you in a crash.

Avoid eye contact, ignore gestures and refuse to return them.

If you have a cellular phone, and can do it safely, call the police. Provide a vehicle description, license plate number, location, and direction of travel.

If an aggressive driver is involved in a crash, stop a safe distance from the crash scene, wait for the police to arrive, and report the driving behavior you witnessed.

Help the Fishers Police Department rid our roadways of aggressive drivers by calling us when you witness unsafe driving practices.

SUMMER SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

School will be out soon and that means kids will be outside having fun. Please remind children of these summer safety tips from the National Crime Prevention Council.

- Be sure to take toys and other things with you when you go inside. You don't want someone to take them if you leave them out.
- Stick with your friends. Remember how to be safe in your neighborhood.
- If someone picks on you, find your friends and walk away. If you see someone being picked on, be a friend and ask that kid to play with you.
- Stay out of the street. Cars make the street a dangerous place to play.
- If you ride a bike, lock it up before you leave it.
- Remember to wear a helmet, wear bright clothing, and obey the rules of the road.
- Never go anywhere with some-

one you and your family don't know. If anyone makes you uncomfortable, run away and tell a trusted adult.

Riding a bike can be fun, if you know how to stay safe. But if you don't follow the rules, it can be dangerous. To be safe on your bike, follow these tips:

- Always wear a helmet and fasten it. Helmets protect your head, and in many states it's illegal not to wear one.
- Wear bright clothing so drivers and other bikers can see you.
- If you want to ride after dark, remember to put reflectors on your clothes, helmet and bike.
- Obey the rules of the road. Bikers must stop at all stop signs and traffic lights and use turning signals, just like cars.
- Ride on the right hand side of the road, in the same

direction as traffic.

- Look both ways. Most crashes happen at intersections or driveways so be on the lookout for people who may not see you.
- Ride on bike trails, roads with little traffic or in parks. If you do come to a busy road, walk your bike across intersections at a crosswalk.
- Keep your bike tuned up. You don't want to get a flat tire far away from your house.
- Protect your bike. Lock it up or keep it in a safe place when you're not using it. Ride with friends. It's more fun and you have someone to help you if you need it.