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2009 Winter Crime Prevention Tips

- The best way to prevent a burglary is to watch your neighbor's home and have them watch your home. You know who belongs in the area and who does not. Contact us immediately if you see any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood.
- Be aware of who is watching you leave your house. If you see a suspicious vehicle when you leave your home, do not be afraid to call the police department. Try to copy down the license plate number, make, model, color and other identifying marks (dents, bumper stickers...) of the suspicious vehicle. A description of the occupants is very helpful.
- Lighting is essential in preventing crime. Do not forget to leave exterior and interior lights on. Motion detector lights and ambient lighting have proven their worth in recent years. You may also consider leaving a radio on and tune it to an all-talk radio station.
- Burglar alarms have proven their worth. It is important, however, that the burglar alarms be equipped with an external siren (in a secure location) and a battery back-up in case of an interruption in the telephone or power service. You may contact the Cranbury Police Department for a copy of the alarm registration form and the ordinance that governs alarms. Alarm information is also available on the township web site.
- Sheds and outbuildings have been a favorite of thieves lately. Heavy duty locks and a simple cow bell placed on the inside of the shed door may be just enough to keep thieves away from your power equipment.
- Consider etching your driver license number on your tools and other valuables. Etching makes them too "hot" to steal. Between recording serial numbers and etching your driver license number on your property, you increase our ability to prosecute the burglars and return your items to you.
- Vehicles should be secured and the valuables removed. Parking under a motion detector light is also advisable.

- The last tip is to put your house number in a conspicuous location. It should be illuminated or reflective to allow easy identification in the dark.

The Cranbury Township Police Department offers a home/business security survey free of charge to all local businesses and homeowners. The survey will provide you with simple suggestions to help you protect your property and your family. If you would like to set up a home survey, or if you have any questions about home security or personal security, you may contact Chief Kahler, Captain Varga, Lt. Owens or Ofc. Wetzel at 395-0031.