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## Crime Prevention Tips

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Hard to believe it's already 2023. Many of you may have made New Year's resolutions and we hope with the intention of taking care of yourself, your safety and your property were at the top of your list. Here are some things you can do to add layers of protection to your daily life in 2023:

At home:

- Does your house look lived in?
- Lock your doors and windows; do not leave your garage door open.
- Keep your valuables locked inside your home; do not leave valuables in your vehicles.
- Regularly inventory your personal belongings, include serial numbers and photos.
- Check that your indoor and outdoor lighting is working.
- Consider timers on all of your lighting.
- Did you get a new bike? Have you registered it at [project529.com/Irvine](http://project529.com/Irvine)?
- Have you signed up for informed delivery at [USPS.com](http://USPS.com)?
- Have you considered freezing your credit at Equifax, TransUnion and Experian?
- Are you tracking your expenses and getting notifications from your banks when you make purchases?

Out and about in the community:

- Communicate with your loved ones so they know where you are.
- Keep your valuables concealed in your vehicle before arriving at your destination.
- While shopping, keep your purse closed and in front of you, not in the cart.
- Be cautious of people offering to repair your vehicle in the parking lot.
- Be aware of quick change artists during cash transactions
- Be aware of people offering jewelry or touching your jewelry.
- Only take what you need with you – leaving valuables and jewelry at home.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Greet people as you see them, but also think about how you would describe them if needed in an emergency.
- Report suspicious behavior by calling Irvine PD's non-emergency 949-724-7000
- For a crime in progress, please call 911 immediately.

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