

Cooper-Young Safety Tip Sheet

Whether visiting or living in Cooper-Young, here are a few helpful tips that you can follow to avoid becoming a victim of a crime. Remember that the majority of crimes committed in our city are crimes of opportunity. By taking a few precautions, we can help prevent opportunistic thieves from prospering in our neighborhood!

- **ALWAYS** park in well-lighted areas, and have your keys out of your pocket or purse when leaving the car and when entering the car. Having to fumble for your keys makes you an easy target. If you are outside your own home, notice if your area is well lighted. Leave your porch light ON to help you when returning home after dark and to help police locate street addresses. If streetlights are out on your block, report them to the power company. This service is available online: http://www.mlgw.com/SubView.php?key=res_streetlight
- **NEVER** leave anything in your car. Take with you anything of value: cd's, cell phones, laptop computers, briefcases, backpacks, purses, etc. Be sure that loose coins, sunglasses, and other small items are out of view. Anything that is visible may lead to a broken window.
- **ALWAYS** report suspicious activity. If you see someone suspicious looking in cars or windows of houses, get the best description you can and call the Memphis Police Department's non-emergency number **545-COPS (2677)**. Dial "0" on the menu and talk to an operator. Give them your information. This can (and does!) stop crimes from happening in our neighborhood.
- **NEVER** give cash to anyone soliciting money. If you choose to engage and want to help, offer him or her food instead, or direct them to local providers of services to the homeless. First Congregational Church and Galloway Church both have limited meal and shelter programs.
- **ALWAYS** lock your car doors, house doors, windows, gates, sheds, etc. on your property. Easy access to any of these areas is an invitation for the opportunistic criminal. If you have alarms, set them. Alarms and locks slow down criminals. The longer they are in an area the more likely they are to be seen.
- **NEVER** hire unknown handymen going door to door. Many break-ins and thefts of lawn equipment happen after a homeowner has hired someone unknown to them to cut the grass or do odd jobs – most often for very little money. The cheapest solution is not always the best, and can have long-term consequences. Folks working in your yard have the greatest access to your home and the opportunity to check your windows, locks on your shed, even meet your pets.
- **ALWAYS** report crimes to the police, even thefts of small items. And let the CYCA know about it! Send an email to info@cooperyoung.org or call 272-2922 with the details so we can share the info with the community. Communication is one of the best crime fighting tools we have! **Sign up on the association's website if you'd like to receive safety bulletins.**
- **Become a member of your Block Club**...or, if there's no block club currently on your block, help to get one started. Email info@cooperyoung.org for more details.

Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home’s security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

Exterior Doors

Yes No

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes.

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.

If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.

All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

Garage and Sliding Door Security

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.

Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.

The sliding glass door has a strong, working key locks.

A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.

The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

Protecting Windows

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.

There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.

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Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening—whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.

Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

Security When Away From Home

Yes No

At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Yes No

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.

Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.

Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.

Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.

Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.

Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number approved by local police.

Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.



Memphis Police Department

H O U S E H O L D
I N V E N T O R Y

Please Note: This inventory sheet is for Items with Serial Numbers ONLY.

Use this Household Inventory Form provided by the Memphis Police Department to keep track of Items with Serial Numbers ONLY in case of theft or fire.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Memphis _____
 State _____ TN _____
 Zip _____ 38 _____
 Phone _____ 901- _____

Item	Description	Unique Features	Make	Model	Serial Number	Cost
<i>SAMPLE: TV</i>	<i>36 inch Color TV</i>	<i>Scratch on left side</i>	<i>Magnavox</i>	<i>7975-36</i>	<i>715286386347816</i>	<i>500.00</i>
Totals						

Keep a copy of this inventory in a Safe Place such as a Safe Deposit Box or in another Location not in your Home. Engravers are available for check-out at each precinct. We suggest that you engrave your driver's license number on your valuables to aid in their recovery should they be lost or stolen.