



HUDSON OAKS

# Safety Tips

The City of Hudson Oaks Police Department wishes to share a few general safety tips to protect you, our citizens and visitors.

- 1) **Always Be Aware of Your Surroundings.**
  - Avoid locations/situations that make you more vulnerable to crime (i.e.: dark parking lots).
  - If you feel suspicious of anyone while driving or walking, go to a public or well lit place where there are people to help you and dial 9-1-1. Do not go directly home.
  - If you are inside a store, seek an employee and report the suspicious behavior or dial 9-1-1.
- 2) **Remember “Never Unlocked, Nothing in View”.**
  - Hide your valuables, lock your vehicle and take your keys.
  - This is as important at home as well as when you are away.
- 3) **Children.**
  - Never allow children to return to the vehicle alone and they should never be left unattended in a vehicle.
  - Teach your children their full name, address and/or telephone number should they get lost or separated from you.
- 4) **Doors, Windows, and Locks.**
  - Residences: Be sure your doors and windows are locked.
    - \* Including the door from the garage into the house, as many burglaries occur through an unlocked door or window.
  - Vehicles: When in your vehicle, always lock your doors.
- 5) **When at Home.**
  - Never indicate you are home alone and never open the door to a stranger.
  - If someone is at your door requesting for help or asking to use your telephone, offer to make the phone call yourself while the stranger waits outside.
  - Light It Up.
    - \* Exterior lights on all sides of your home (especially motion activated) are a great deterrent to intruders.
  - Know Your Neighbors.
    - \* Neighbors watching out for neighbors is the best crime deterrence imaginable!
- 6) **Watch Out for Social Media.**
  - Be very careful about what you post, do not share travel plans or schedule, as you never know who is reading this.
  - Pass this tip onto your children.
  - Beware of identity theft as well: protect your personal information on line, over the telephone or when out in public.