



## COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT

COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE • STRATEGIC RESPONSE BUREAU

### **THE COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE NEEDS YOUR HELP TO PREVENT CRIME IN YOUR AREA.**

In response to Residential / Business Burglaries and Thefts from Automobiles taking place in your area, the Columbus Division of Police has the following Crime Prevention Tips:

#### **Residential:**

- Close your overhead garage door and always lock the interior door from the garage even while at home.
- Install deadbolt locks on doors.
- Install bars on basement windows.
- Have an alarm system installed by a qualified professional.
- Install bright lights outside your home and leave them on at night.
- Prune shrubbery so it does not hide doors and windows.
- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Clearly display your house address numbers so Police and E.M.S. can quickly locate you.
- While on vacation stop mail and newspaper delivery.
- Call the police department and set up a house watch while you are on vacation.
- Install light timers for when you are away after dark.
- Make a list of your valuables and keep serial and model numbers in a safe place.
- Look out for your neighbors and report suspicious activity to the Columbus Division of Police at 645-4545.

#### **Businesses:**

- Install deadbolt locks and secure entries/ exits and overhead doors.
- Have an alarm system installed by a qualified professional.
- Install bright lights outside your business and leave them on at night.
- Prune shrubbery so it does not hide doors and windows.
- Clearly display your business address numbers so Police and E.M.S. can quickly locate you.
- Look out for your neighbors and report suspicious activity to the Columbus Division of Police at 645-4545.

#### **Automobiles:**

- Park your vehicle in a well lighted area, lock the doors and remove all valuables from the vehicle.
- Do not leave your title or registration inside your automobile; make a copy to leave in the car.
- Purchase and use an automotive alarm system.

**Contact Crime Stoppers Anonymous at 645-TIPS(8477) with any information that you may have relating to crime in your area.**