

# Community Intelligence Unit: District 7

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## TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER

To help keep your house from being broken into, you must make yourself a “hard target.” “Target Hardening” focuses on the concept that criminals often seek an easy target to prey on. If you make yourself a hard target, the criminal will simply move to a more vulnerable victim. Criminals like easy targets which minimizes the likelihood of being detected and/or caught. The more of an obstacle you present, the more likely a potential burglar will pick another house to break in to.

### Doors and Windows

One of the simplest things you can do is lock your doors. Did you know a good portion of home burglaries occur because there was a door or window left open? Burglars commonly use unlocked rear doors, open bathroom windows and unsecured garage service doors to enter your house. By keeping the doors and windows to your residence locked, you dramatically reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim. Lock your doors even if you leave the house for only a moment. A brief trip would give a skilled burglar enough time to make his way through your house.

### Alarm Systems

Security or Alarm Systems do have a place in preventing crime and if used effectively can assist in securing one’s personal belongings. An alarm system, however, is not a cure for all people. Be careful in choosing which alarm system or company you purchase or do business with.

### Vacation

- Stop all deliveries including U.S Mail, the newspaper and advertisements.
- Salt Lake City residents can call (801)799-3000 and request a patrol check on their home for the time period they will be gone.

### Environmental Design

Crime prevention is more than simply making it inconvenient for a burglar to commit crime. Though target hardening is an effective approach, Environmental Design can assist in our overall goal of preventing crime.

- A little lighting goes a long way. Make sure your street lights are in good working order. Place lights in your driveway and at your property boundaries. Make sure you have spot lights and motion sensitive lights on or near your house.
- Trim back all shrubs and bushes. Keep your windows clear of trees and shrubbery.
- Keep your yard tidy. Pick up trash cans as soon as possible. **Make sure your house number is clearly visible.**

### Other Tips

- Keep accurate and up to date records of personal property to include model and serial numbers, (many thieves are caught when they try to sell the property and we have this information). Use the attached sheet and keep it in a locked safe or secured location.
- Take photos of all valuables and keep the photos on a CD or flash drive away from your computer, and consider having expensive items engraved.

The most important thing is keeping an eye out for one another to help keep our neighborhoods safe. If you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, please call the Salt Lake City Police Department at (801)799-3000, or if it is an **Emergency call 911**

## DISTRICT 7

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### GET INVOLVED:

- **SLCPD’s Citizens Academy**  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>  
from 18:00-21:00  
Please come join SLCPD and receive some of the same training our officers receive. If interested please fill out an application and submit it (only 25 spots available).  
<http://www.slcpd.com/ass3ts/uploads/2013/09/citizen-academy-application.pdf>
- **SLCPD Ride Along**  
Are you interested in seeing what SLCPD patrol officers do on a daily basis? Fill out a ride along request and experience a few hours with an officer. Under 18 need parent’s permission and clearance from SLCPD.  
<http://www.slcpd.com/ass3ts/uploads/2017/05/SLCPDRide-Along-Request-Form-Waiver.pdf>
- **SLCPD Coffee With a Cop**  
The next Coffee with a Cop event will be held at Hatch Family Chocolates (376 E 8<sup>th</sup> Ave) on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 16:00-18:00. Come enjoy a cup of coffee on us and ask questions.

### **Just a reminder...**

For police assistance or to report a crime call **SLCPD non-emergency 801-799-3000** or for an

**Emergency: 911**

For ongoing issues within District 6 or to notify me of a crime already reported please contact:

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