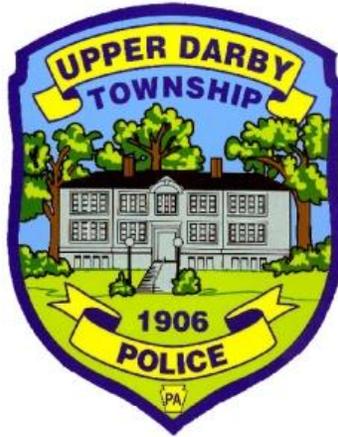


Upper Darby Police Department

Safety Bulletin



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“Crime prevention is defined as the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of the crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.”

Upper Darby Township Police are proactive in their efforts to prevent crime and address those issues, which destroy the quality of life for the community. To that end though, the public must recognize that they too have a responsibility to assist the police, and without question are an integral part of the crime prevention process. Here are some tips you can use to protect yourself from becoming a victim, and become part of the eyes and ears of the police in your neighborhood.

Auto Theft Prevention

- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is in front of your home.
- Never leave your keys in the car or ignition, even inside a locked garage.
- Never leave your car running unattended, even to dash into a business or back inside your home.
- Never leave valuables, cash or change in plain view, even if your car is locked. Put them in the trunk out of sight.
- Install a mechanical device that locks to the steering wheel, column, or brake pedal. These devices can act as a highly visible physical deterrent.
- Buy a vehicle with interior hood and trunk lock releases, and a factory installed alarm system.
- If you hear a car alarm, do not try to stop the person breaking in. Call 911 immediately.
- Carry your drivers' license, registration, and insurance card with you. **Do not** leave these items in your car.
- If your vehicle is stolen, Call 911 immediately.
- If you see something suspicious, call 911 immediately.

The Officers of the Upper Darby Police Department are prepared to assist anytime.