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JOHNSTON CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

1. **KEEP YOUR OVERHEAD GARAGE DOORS CLOSED WHENEVER YOU ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF IMMEDIATE SIGHT OF YOUR GARAGE.**
2. **LOCK YOUR VEHICLE AND REMOVE ALL VALUABLE PROPERTY FROM IT WHENEVER YOUR VEHICLE IS GOING TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME.**
3. **AVOID PLACING OUTGOING MAIL IN YOUR RESIDENTIAL MAILBOX AND REMOVE THE INCOMING MAIL FROM YOUR MAILBOX AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
4. **KEEP YOUR PURSE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES WHEN YOU ARE OUT. AVOID LEAVING IT IN A CAR, ON THE GROUND, IN A NEIGHBORING SEAT OR HANGING ON THE BACK OF A CHAIR.**
5. **ONLY TAKE NECESSARY ITEMS OF FINANCIAL VALUE WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO OUT. LEAVE ANY UNNECESSARY CASH, CREDIT CARDS AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS SECURED AT HOME INSTEAD OF ROUTINELY CARRYING THEM AROUND NEEDLESSLY IN YOUR WALLET OR PURSE.**
6. **NEVER RESPOND TO AN UNSOLICITED PHONE CALL OR EMAIL REQUESTING PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THE REQUESTING PARTY IS LEGITIMATE.**
7. **KEEP AN UPDATED INVENTORY LIST OF ALL YOUR VALUABLE PROPERTY THAT INCLUDES A PICTURE OF THE ITEM ALONG WITH ANY DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ITEM INCLUDING AN APPRAISAL OR SERIAL NUMBER WHEN APPLICABLE.**
8. **AVOID ALLOWING ANY UNINVITED VISITORS INTO YOUR HOME. IF YOU DID NOT PERSONALLY INVITE THEM OR KNOW THEM, HAVE THEM REMAIN OUTSIDE WHILE YOU DEAL WITH THEM.**
9. **NEVER GIVE OUT ANY OF YOUR PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO A SOLICITOR AND AVOID GIVING MONEY UNLESS YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SOLICITOR OR CAN CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF THE BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION THEY ARE REPRESENTING.**
10. **AVOID LEAVING ANY ITEMS OF VALUE LIKE YOUR PURSE, WALLET, PERSONAL ELECTRONICS, ETC. SETTING OUT IN YOUR HOME WHERE THEY CAN BE EASILY SEEN BY PERSONS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME.**