

Burglary

FACT: In most of Plymouth's residential burglaries, the burglar entered the home without the use of force, through an unlocked or open door or window. Unoccupied homes are most likely to be burglarized.

Break – ins to Automobiles

FACT: Automobile break-ins occur daily in the City. Cell phones and car stereos are the most frequently taken property. Remove all personal belongings out of the vehicles: golf clubs, duffel bags, laptops, phones, purse/wallets, and keep the vehicle locked.

Neighborhood Crime Prevention

Neighborhood Watch Programs Work! A Neighborhood Watch Group works together to reduce the opportunity for crime, increase the risk of detection, decrease the likelihood of success, and report suspicious activity immediately by using 9-1-1.



9-1-1: Reporting

Suspicious Activity: PPD asks residents to report suspicious activity **immediately** by calling **9-1-1**.

- Describe the activity
- Provide location
- Describe suspects/vehicles
- Provide direction of travel

Be Alert to the sound of breaking glass, doors being kicked in, dogs barking frantically, or vehicles speeding away. If you have any doubt of whether or not you should call the police, **CALL 9-1-1**.

Plymouth Police Crime Activity Map: Follow weekly criminal activity on an interactive crime map. Visit www.ci.plymouth.mn.us to register.

PPD/PFD E-mail Network:

This Network enables rapid exchange of information on crime patterns, trends, and program opportunities. Call 763-509-5198 to register in the Network.

Develop a Neighborhood E-mail/Phone Directory

Light Up: A well-lit neighborhood presents a unified front against crime and provides greater risk to criminals.

No home should appear dark after dusk. To create a uniform pattern of lighting and the appearance of

occupied dwellings, neighbors should use photoelectric lights on the exterior of their homes and light timers within their homes.

Lock Up: In 60-80% of Plymouth's residential burglaries are unforced.

Keep home locked at all times. If a neighbor has left their garage door open, give them a courtesy call to remind them to secure this vulnerable entrance.

3 Most Common Ways Burglars Enter Homes:

1. Service Door to the Garage: Reinforce the garage service door by adding a single cylinder or double cylinder deadbolt lock.

2. Sliding Glass Patio doors: Patio doors are easily removed by popping them out of their track. Reduce the clearance space in the upper track of the patio door. Drill 3 screws into the upper track, equal distance from one another. Let the heads of the screws hang down ¼ inch –enough to reduce the clearance space in the upper track and still allow the door to slide back and forth.

3. Overhead Garage Door: Keep overhead garage doors closed at

all times. Burglars are prolific in preying on open garages when the doors are left open.

Protect Your Vehicles: Make your vehicles look undesirable to criminals. Remove all belongings and keep cars locked. Park in well lit areas and keep garage

Join Operation ID: Marked property is more risky to steal, difficult to fence, and has a devalued street price. OPID aids police in tracing the ownership of recovered property and returning it to the rightful owner. It also provides evidence in court.

Post Neighborhood Watch Signs.

Youth should not be wandering through neighborhoods late at night. If you are concerned about this activity, please call 9-1-1 when it is occurring.

Hennepin County Curfew

- Age 14 or younger, home by 10 p.m.; Fri & Sat, home by 11 p.m.
- Ages 15-16 home by 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat home by midnight
- Age 17 home by midnight any day of the week.

Neighborhood Watch Building Blocks

Minnesota's Night to Unite

Every year, the first Tuesday in August is a chance for neighbors to turn on their lights, lock their doors, come together, and give crime and drugs a going away party! To be on the mailing list for Minnesota's Night to Unite or to register your party (registration begins in April), call 763-509-5198.

\$34 Carbon Monoxide Detectors *(The supply of detectors is limited)*

A new Minnesota state law has made it mandatory for all single and multi-family homes in Minnesota to have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector located within ten feet of bedroom areas. Purchase top rated Kidde Nighthawk CO Detector, model 900-0076-01) from the Fire Department for \$32.

File of Life

The File of Life program is a card that contains important personal medical information that is easily accessible by police and ambulance personnel in the event of a medical emergency. Call 763-509-5147 to request free File of Life cards.

\$15 Amber Stick Program

The AMBER Stick is a portable, electronic child identification device that enables law enforcement to download the profile of a child, vulnerable adult, or a loved one within seconds. This information can immediately be disseminated throughout the city, county, state, or country. The AMBER Stick is compatible with the National Code AMBER Alert System so data from the AMBER Stick can be directly downloaded into the national database. AMBER Sticks are available at the Plymouth Police Department or by calling 763-509-5198.

Project Child Safe

Help prevent accidental shootings in the home by keeping guns locked-up. The Plymouth Police Department offers free gun locks to residents who have firearms in their homes. For more information, please call 763-509-5198.

Home and Business Premise Security Surveys

Wondering how to make your home or business safer? A Plymouth Police Officer will come out to your home or business, meet with you to discuss your safety concerns and security needs, and give you crime prevention recommendations customized to your home or business. Call 763-509-5147 to schedule an appointment.

E-mail Alert Network and Interactive Crime Map (www.ci.plymouth.mn.us)

There are times when providing information to the community immediately is important. The Plymouth Police and Fire Departments E-mail Network is an effective way a quick and efficient way to do so. Alerts may be used to notify you of a crime pattern or trend, a missing person or criminal suspect, or a special program opportunity that is available to you. If a natural or other disaster would impact Plymouth, we will also use the E-mail Network to provide you with briefings on the situation.

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Plymouth Fire Department provides car seat check-ups for Plymouth residents by appointment. The Fire Department also provides low cost car seats and boosters from \$15-\$140. Contact 763-509-5198 more information or to schedule an appointment.

Bike Helmet Program

Protect your loved ones as they have fun in the sun! New helmets are sold at Plymouth Fire Station III (3300 Dunkirk Lane) Thursday evenings, May-August from 6-8 p.m. Bike helmets are available for \$10 and multi-sport helmets are available for \$15, sizes youth to adult. Call 763-509-5198 for more information.

Smokebuster's Home Fire Safety Program for Families and Seniors Program

Upon request firefighters will make home visits to help residents test their smoke detectors, replace batteries, discuss 9-1-1 and develop a home fire escape plan. Smokebusters is free of charge. To schedule a visit, call the Plymouth Fire Department at 763-509-5198.