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INTERVENTION & REPORTING CRIMES

Whenever you see what appears to be a crime in progress call the police immediately ! Try to provide as much information as possible such as:

1. location of the possible crime
2. Description of alleged criminal, physical features are more permanent than attire, but get whatever information you can
3. Description of get-away car and license plate number. If you detect evidence of a crime that already occurred, call the police immediately and do not disturb any evidence that could provide clues in a police investigation.

**Above all: Do NOT put yourself in danger !
Just give the POLICE a call !**

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How can I prevent theft?



Prevention advice from your
Korps Politie Sint Maarten



*Vigilant and committed to serve and protect
all in a decisive and professional manner*

Emergency : 911

RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS BURGLARY PREVENTION

Pretend to be a burglar and do a safety check on your own home or business property. You'll find out how easy it is to get in when you do not take some measures. For example: do not use the doormat or a flowerpot as a 'hiding place' for your keys. Burglars know those 'hiding places' very well.

Before you leave your building, take a walk around the premises to make sure everything is secure.

If you want to make an appointment for a safety check, you can call your CPO. He/she can make suggestions on how to prevent your building from crime.

Keep Records:

Do a good inventory of your stock and keep records of the following items:

- Serial numbers of large denomination bills
- Small amounts of marked bait money may help the police track the thief
- Make pictures of (expensive) jewelry and other valuables and write down serial numbers
- Install 'track and trace' software on your mobile devices

Burglars love darkness, silence and a quick entrance, so here are six simple ways to discourage them:

1. Install lights by all exterior doors and be sure to use them at night. Also illuminate your house number, for quicker emergency services respond.
2. You have locks on your doors, use them! Burglars like quick entrance remember? Make it difficult for unexpected guests to enter your house.
3. Don't leave valuable goods visible for everyone. Your house is not a shop, so don't use it as a showcase.
4. Don't leave ladders and garbage containers outside, they're a real help for a burglar to climb on...
5. Alarm systems have a price tag, but they work really good because of the loud noises they make.
6. And last, but not the least: Trim shrubs back from doors and windows. Give neighbors a chance to see your house and the possible burglar entering it. And you keep an eye on your neighbour's house off course.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAR

Burglaries in cars only take about five seconds. The things you have to do reporting the theft afterwards take hours and hours, not to mention the financial damage you suffer. So here are some Vehicle Smarts to prevent a theft from your car:

- When at home close (and lock) the garage door and cover windows so no one can see inside
- Be sure to lock all doors after leaving your vehicle; check it !
- Avoid leaving keys in the ignition !
- Watch where you park your car, is the place safe enough ?
- Know your license plate and make sure it's attached securely !
- Do not leave valuables (visible) in your car !
- Nothing in the car means: nothing can be taken out !

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Crime Prevention Trough Environmental Design