

# Crime Prevention is Everybody's Business!

Sometimes, a crime can be solved (or even prevented) by just staying alert. No one knows your neighborhood like you. Pay attention to:

- Vehicles that you have not seen before or do not seem to 'fit'.
- People in the area you have never seen and appear to have no legitimate reason for being in the area.
- Activities, sounds, or circumstances that seem out of the ordinary or that might indicate criminal activity.

**Call the police anytime you see something of a suspicious nature.** You are never bothering us by asking that we investigate a possible

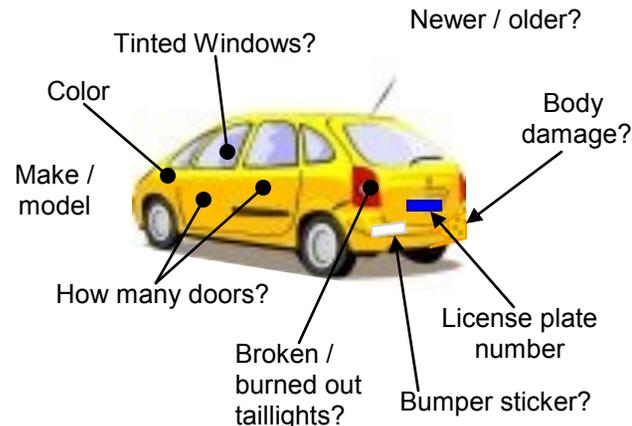
## Important Bloomfield Township Phone Numbers

### EMERGENCY POLICE / FIRE 911

Police / Fire (Non-Emergency) 248-433-7755  
Water / Sewer Dept. 248-433-7731  
Building Dept. 248-433-7715  
Animal Welfare 248-433-7757

## Being Observant

**Giving police a good description of a suspicious car:**



Try to remember as much detail as possible. Even the smallest detail can be enormously important!

**Giving police a good description of a suspicious person:**

- **Race**—white, black, Hispanic, etc
- **Sex**- male / female
- **Age**— 18-20 yrs, 30-40 yrs, etc.
- **Clothing**— start at the top and work your way down: hat, jacket, shirt, pants, shoes, etc.
- **Height**— 5'8" to 5'10", etc.
- **Weight**— 140-150 lbs, etc.
- **Hair**— color, style, length, facial hair
- **Build**— fat, thin, large, petite, etc.
- **Other**— scars, marks, tattoos, moles, wears glasses, speech.



# Neighborhood Safety



## Tips for improving your family's safety and security



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4200 Telegraph Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
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## Crime Prevention is About...

### Being Aware

- Pay attention to who and what is going on around you. Keep up on the news.

### Education

- Learn what you can do to stay safer

### Taking Precautions

- Making changes for better security

### Good Security Habits

- Making the changes you have made for better security a daily habit

## Internet Safety

### Use hardware / software firewalls

- These will keep people from 'hacking' into your computer.

### Install anti-virus software

- Update the 'virus definitions' often!
- Get recommendations for which brand to buy.

### Never give personal information to anyone over the computer

- Name, Social Security Number, date of birth, address, must be kept secret.

### Beware of e-mail sent to you involving any kind of financial transactions!

- These will try to get your personal financial information from you. They may even look authentic or 'official', but they're not! When in doubt—**DON'T**

## Using ATMs

- Whenever possible, go with someone
- When using a drive up ATM, do not just pull up to the ATM. Drive around the area first looking for suspicious people or cars.
- Keep car doors locked when using drive-up ATMs.
- Minimize the amount of time you spend at the ATM.
- Only use ATMs that are in public, well-illuminated areas.
- Never write your Personal Identification Number (P.I.N.) on your ATM card or on anything else!
- Beware that there are 'fake' ATMs out there with only ONE purpose: to obtain your account numbers and P.I.N.
- If while using the ATM you become scared or uncomfortable about the situation, press the 'Cancel' button and leave the area immediately.

## Charity Fraud

- Beware of any phone call you receive from someone claiming to be from a charity and soliciting donations. Very often, they are fraudulent.
- Beware of unsolicited e-mails from 'charities' soliciting for donations. These too are usually fraudulent.
- Pick your favorite charities in advance, after you have done thorough research.

## Home Security Improvement

- Keep your doors and windows closed and locked whenever possible.
- Have motion-sensing floodlights installed on all four sides of your home.
- Light fixtures should be installed near each entrance of your home, out of arms reach
- Landscaping should be trimmed back to eliminate hiding spots for would-be burglars. No landscaping should be higher than 36", or windowsill height, whichever is lower.
- All screws securing strike plates and hinges in doorframes should be 2 ½" to 3" in length.
- Purchase a professionally installed alarm system for your home. Get at least 3 estimates, asking each company how long they've been in business. Make sure that all alarm equipment is U.L.® certified.
- Purchase a burglar-resistant safe for the valuables in your home; it should either weigh at least 750 lbs, or be mounted to the wall / floor of your home to prevent its removal.
- Keep your garage door down.
- Remove all valuables from your car when you park it, (**including the garage door opener**), if you park your car in the driveway / road.
- Don't park your car in the road overnight, if at all possible.
- Park your car in the garage whenever possible. This will reduce the probability of various crimes occurring to your car.
- Beware of 'contractors' going door-to-door soliciting business; very often they are frauds.