



SHAWNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Home Safety & Security Tips

Always lock your doors. This is a minor detail, but we often forget this. Many burglaries occur in a residence where the doors are unlocked. Lock your doors when you are away during the day, at night when you are asleep, and when you are at home at all times. Do not depend on chain locks or other cheap locks to secure your door. A quality deadbolt, solid doorframe, and a good strike plate with a minimum of 3-inch screws will be more secure. Always lock your car doors even if you walk away from your vehicle for a minute. Many thefts from vehicles occur because the vehicle's owner left the doors unlocked.

Do not open your door to strangers. If you are unfamiliar with the person at your door or are not expecting anyone, do not open the door! If you cannot easily determine who it is or what they want let them know through the closed & locked door you will be contacting police. Then do so! Either call 911 or the non-emergency number is 913-631-2155.

Close your blinds. When your blinds are open, people can easily see inside your home. A good rule of thumb for blinds is to keep them closed when you are not home and at night. As an added benefit, closed blinds may also minimize your electric bill in the summer time.

Leave items out of plain sight. Plain sight is the rule that if someone looks in a window, they can see everything. If you have valuables inside your residence, do your best to either move them or keep your blinds closed. If you have valuables inside your vehicle, make sure they are locked up in your home. Never leave any valuables in plain view of a potential burglar. These items include cell phones, iPads, phone chargers, purses/wallets, stereo equipment, tools, guns, etc. Call the police immediately if you see someone walking around your neighborhood looking into car windows. They are most likely up to no good!

Park under lights. Your chances of becoming a victim to a car burglary greatly reduce if you park under good lighting. While lighting may make it easier for a criminal to see, it also allows witnesses the chance to better observe what is going on. If you find burned out lighting in your area contact the City or property management company if you live in a multi-family dwelling area.

Know your neighbors. Developing a relationship with your neighbors can add to a safe environment. You do not have to become best friends but at least be familiar with who lives where, the vehicles they drive, what times of the day they are typically gone, etc. Knowing your neighbors even casually may create an environment where you are both inclined to look out for each other and each other's property.

If you see something suspicious, do not hesitate to call the Shawnee Police Dispatch at (913) 631-2150. If you witness someone committing a crime, call 911.

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Public Websites and other information sources

City of Shawnee website – www.cityofshawnee.org

Shawnee Police department services available online include:

- Property Check
- File a police report online
- Request a residential security survey
- View recent police activity

Nextdoor.com

City of Shawnee is now partnering with this website to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods. You can sign up using your address to get local information about recent crime in your neighborhood, get help finding a lost pet, a reputable contractor or learn about events happening in your area.

Community Crime Map

Website allows residence to see crime in their neighborhood and in and around the City of Shawnee. (Previously RAIDSONline) Visit www.communitycrimemap.com

Johnson County Sheriff's Office Website – a lot of information including inmate search, booking & release reports, registered offenders, warrant search, and more. Visit www.jocosheriff.org

Johnson County Kansas District Court Public Records – allows citizens to check open public records in Johnson County, including criminal records, civil cases, marriage license, and probate case. Have to have case number or first and last name of parties involved. Visit www.jococourts.org

Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Website – Similar to JOCO Sheriff, but for Wyandotte County. Visit www.wycokckc.org

Kansas Bureau of Investigations – allows citizens to view several items of interest, including the Kansas offender registry, Kansas most wanted list, and to conduct a Kansas criminal history record check (fee based). Visit www.accesskansas.org/kbi/

Offender Search – allows citizens to search for an offender in custody though Kansas Department of Corrections. Have to know person's first and last name or KDOC number. Visit www.doc.ks.gov

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