



Shoreline Police BLOCK WATCH NEWS

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Citizens and Police, Working Together for A Safer Community

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HOME SECURITY

By Westside Storefront Crime Prevention Specialists

With Springtime upon us, flowers blooming and trees budding, our thoughts turn outdoors. Many of us like to garden and have other projects that we need to get to. Did you realize thieves look for opportunities this time of year? Don't give them the chance to enter your home. If you *are* working outdoors in your yard, follow these safety tips:

- Close and lock your doors and garage
- If you have a cell phone or cordless phone, keep it with you outside in case of emergencies
- Latch and/or lock your gate and lock shed doors
- Store grills, lawn mowers and other valuable tools in a locked garage or shed. Lock grills to a stationary point and cover them when not in use.
- Bicycles should always be locked- even if you leave them for just a minute- or stored in a locked place (*see bicycle article page 2*)

Mark your property. Engravers are available at storefront offices to checkout- free of charge.

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Protect Your Bicycle Against Theft

Bicycle theft is an ongoing problem in the city of Shoreline. Many bicycles are left unattended or inappropriately locked. The majority of bicycles do not list serial numbers, which makes the identification and recovery of stolen bicycles very difficult.

The Shoreline Police Bicycle Registration Program is one step you can take to improve your chances of getting your bicycle back, in the event it's lost and recovered.

The mission of the program is to reduce bicycle theft and assist citizens in the recovery of stolen bicycles. The program is offered to the City of Shoreline residents only and it's free!

Register your bicycle free of charge!

- Bring picture ID or Driver License to your nearest police station or police neighborhood center
- Serial Number - (if your bicycle does not list a serial number you can call any of the Police Neighborhood Centers and make arrangements to engrave your ID or Driver's License number on the bicycle)
- Provide a description of the bicycle, including color, brand, and any particulars that identify your bicycle
- Upon registering your bicycle, a sticker will be placed on the bicycle in a visible area
- If a registered bicycle is lost/stolen and recovered, our records will help us find the rightful owner
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Where can you register your bicycle:

You can register your bicycle at the main Police station or at any of the Police Neighborhood Centers:

Shoreline Police Department

1206 N 185th St
Shoreline, WA 98133
(206) 546-6730

West Side Neighborhood Center

624 NW Richmond Beach Rd
Shoreline, WA 98177
(206) 546-3636

East Side Neighborhood Center

521 NE 165th St
Shoreline, WA 98155
(206) 363-8424

What you can do to prevent bicycle theft :

1. Get a good bike lock. Cycling experts highly recommend a U type lock.
2. Try to create an illusion of above-average resistance. This may convince a thief that taking your bicycle requires too much effort.
3. Choose a lock that leaves as little space as possible between the lock and the bicycle. The lock is only as secure as the object to which is attached to.
4. Lock your bicycle in a visible area.
5. And now, the most important tip of all:

ALWAYS LOCK YOUR BICYCLE!

Helpful Hint:

Take a digital picture of your bicycle to provide exact description of your bicycle.

Home Security Checklist

Side 1

Use this as a guide as check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home’s security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, <i>not</i> under a doormat or planter, on a ledge or in the mailbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Garage and Sliding Door Security

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has an anti-slide lock or a snug-fitting dowel in the track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dowel or pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Home Security Checklist

(Side 2)

Protecting Windows

Yes No

- Every window in the house has an anti-slide lock or is securely pinned. Yes No
- Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation. Yes No

Outdoor Security

- Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. Yes No
- There are no dark area around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers. Yes No
- Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors. Yes No
- Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination. Yes No
- Outdoor lights are on in the evening-whether someone is at home or not *or* a motion sensor or photocell lighting system has been installed. Yes No
- Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly. Yes No

Security When Away From Home

- At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away form home for an extended time period. Yes No
- The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home. Yes No
- Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor or friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time. Yes No
- A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away. Yes No

Shoreline Police Storefronts have a Vacation House Check Program. Please call the main precinct or one of your storefront offices for more information.