

## **Crime Prevention Tips**

With crime down throughout the city and across the nation, the Tucson police department is advancing its efforts to continue to reduce property crime in our community. Over the past year, a large number of our property crimes occur at the hands of opportunists, taking advantage of unlocked doors, unsecured valuables, and the inattention of their victims.

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility and the Tucson police department would like to partner with our residents to make our homes and neighborhoods safer with the following crime prevention tips:

**Lock doors and windows.** Do not leave your home without locking the doors and windows. Keep shrubbery trimmed low and employ alarm systems and security doors, if possible.

**Do not leave valuables visible in vehicles.** Place all packages in the trunk prior to leaving the vehicle parked. Move other valuables, such as cell phones, out of sight or take them with you.

**Do not leave keys in the ignition.** Never leave your vehicle unattended, with the keys anywhere in the vehicle.

**Close and lock any windows or doors you are not using.** A suspect can enter your vehicle or home through any size window.

**Make sure outside storage areas are locked.** Keep all of your possessions in a safe and secure place. If an item is stored outside, please make sure the storage area is secure.

**If you are using evaporative cooling,** Please make sure all your open windows and doors are secure.

**Spend time with neighbors out in the community**

**Form a neighborhood association or Neighborhood Watch**

**Report all suspicious people, vehicles and activity to 911**