

Attention Corcoran Residents

Thefts

Corcoran has experienced an increase in the number of thefts in the neighborhood this year 2008. These thefts have occurred from cars, lockers, backpacks and purses. There is no apparent pattern to these crimes, nor is there any suspect information available.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can avoid or considerably reduce your chances of becoming a victim.



- ✓ Do not leave **anything** in plain view in your vehicle. Even loose change or a CD can be tempting to a thief. Lock all items in the trunk or glove compartment **before** you get to your destination.
- ✓ If you have a garage, use it! Make sure that your garage door works properly and that the lock cannot be easily tampered with.
- ✓ Treat the walk-in door as you would a door on your home. Install a solid core or steel door with a good deadbolt lock with a one inch throw. Use a 7- to 10-inch strike plate secured with 3-inch screws. **If your garage is attached to your home, this is critical. Access to your garage can mean access to your home.**
- ✓ Be alert to your surroundings and your personal property. Do not leave your purse or other personal items unattended. It only takes a second for these items to end up in someone else's hands.
- ✓ If you are going to school or the gym, think about what you are taking with you. Take only what you need.
- ✓ If you need to put valuables in your locker at school or the gym, be sure to lock up!



For more suggestions or help on getting your block club organized, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Karen Notsch at 612/673-2856 or karen.notsch@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Working together, we can make a difference!