Don’t Be A VICTIM!

Every spring break and in between semesters, college students fall prey to criminals who like to burglarize and steal. This happens in every college town all over the nation. Here are some tips to prevent you from becoming a senseless victim.

**During the Semester**

- **LOCK YOUR CAR!**
- Don’t leave your purse, iPod, school bag, radar detector or anything that LOOKS valuable in plain view inside your vehicle. Criminals like to know what they can steal from before breaking a window or prying a door. Even if a bag or container is empty, a bad guy won’t know until he has broken in.
- **BICYCLES** – store them inside when not using them. If you have to store them outside, always lock them to a fixed structure.
- **Know your neighbors** - Know what cars belong where - Know who lives where
- Tell your trusted neighbors when you will be gone. They can look out for your stuff!
- If you see strangers or strange vehicles that YOU know don’t belong on your street or in your complex, call Bryan P.D at 361-3888.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

- Close your window blinds at night – thieves drive through college areas at night so they can look through your blinds from the roadway and see if you have valuables like: flat-screen TVs, laptops, flat-screen monitors, firearms, gaming systems, etc.
- Turn your outside lights on at night.
- If lighting is not sufficient ask your landlord to install more. If they won’t, call Bryan P.D.’s Neighborhood Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) at 209-5539.
- Report street lights out to BTU – 822-3777
- Car Sound Systems – When you blare your music, you advertise to the bad guy that you have something to steal. Be respectful to your community and turn the sound down.

**Between Semesters/Spring Break**

- Take your valuables home with you (laptops, Xbox, Playstation, flat-screens etc.)
- Know your neighbors who won’t be leaving for the break.
- Leave a light or two on, especially outside lights.
- Close ALL blinds and curtains.
- Set the alarm system. / Lock all doors and dead-bolts.
- WINDOWS – Shut them – Latch them – Lock them.
- Communicate with your neighboring college students.
- Secure/Store away lawn mowers, BBQ grills, furniture, etc.
- **BICYCLES** – take them with you; or lock them inside your home.

If you see a strange person(s) or vehicle roaming or hanging out near your home, and that person or car does not belong at your apartment complex or near your residence, call Bryan P.D. at 361-3888. Post this number on your fridge and put it in your cell phone. Thieves and burglars like to case vehicles, apartments, and rental properties during the semester break when students have gone home. Bad guys will walk aimlessly through a complex without ever going to a specific destination. If you see people or vehicles loitering or soliciting in the complex call Bryan P.D. Be as specific as possible when giving detailed descriptions, i.e. weight, hair, height, clothing, license plate, vehicle make and model.