

## Crime Prevention Posts for Facebook and Tweets

### From the “Inside the Mind of a Thief” Video:

Post: (March 5) Do you know what thieves hate? Wireless alarm systems. Without wires to cut through, it makes it harder to beat. Often they will skip over a house just because it has a wireless alarm system. Check out “Inside the Mind of a Thief” video for more tips. Stop burglars today by posting “Wireless Alarm System” signs in your yard. #KeepingAllenSafe  
<http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>

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Post: (April 22) Myth: Having a dog will always deter a burglar. Busted: Small dogs are not considered a threat. Only an extremely aggressive, large dog gives a burglar pause. Don't worry, even a happy pooch can still help out! Burglars might see the dog run to the “alpha” of the house, indicating that someone is home and that the house is off-limits. Give that “good dog” a pat today! Or adopt a new furry friend from the Allen Animal Shelter. #KeepingAllenSafe  
<http://ow.ly/SpNJ308jy71>

Tweet: (April 22) Only aggressive dogs scare burglars, but your pooch still shows the burglar that you're home. Give that dog a pat! #KeepingAllenSafe

Post: (May 13) What's the #1 burglar deterrent? #NeighborhoodWatch It's a red flag to thieves when they are being watched by people who could identify them later to the police. Start your Neighborhood Watch group today at <http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>. To hear about the undeniable evidence that these groups work, watch “Inside the Mind of a Thief” video at <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>. #KeepingAllenSafe

Tweet: (May 13) #KeepingAllenSafe by starting a #NeighborhoodWatch group! Thieves avoid places where they are watched. Start today: <http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>.

Post: (June 27) Worried about your home while away or on vacation? Here are 3 top tips to trick a potential thief into thinking you're still at home. Tip 1: Ask a friend to empty your mailbox every day. Tip 2: Get a neighbor to pick up your newspapers. Tip 3: Plan ahead to have your lawn cut. Glean some more tips by watching “Inside the Mind of a Thief” video. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>

Tweet: (June 27) Vaca checklist: mail, newspapers, trimming the lawn. Check! You deterred burglars from an easy job. More tips at <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>.

Post: (August 14) Want to remove the target from your house? Get registered with the @Allen Police Department today. Posting your alarm registration permit will let burglars know that you are registered with the city. If any burglars come knocking, they will have the police hot on their tail. Keep your registration up-to-date to prevent the loss of valuables. To apply for a permit, visit <http://ow.ly/a2mc308jM4F>. #KeepingAllenSafe

Tweet: (August 14) Want to scare off burglars? Get your alarm system registered w/Allen Police today. Apply at <http://ow.ly/a2mc308jM4F>. #KeepingAllenSafe

Post: (September 26) What can you do in 5-7 minutes? You could knock out a few emails. You could return a phone call or text with your friends. In that amount of time, a burglar can locate ready cash, your jewelry and the safe. Make it harder for a burglar to find your valuables! Watch "Inside the Mind of a Thief" video for tips and tricks. #KeepingAllenSafe  
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Tweet: (September 26) What can you do in 5-7 mins? A burglar can be in and out. Make it harder to find valuables! More tips & tricks at <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>.

Post: (October 16) Got valuables? Get them hidden. The master bedroom is the first place they'll look. Hide your valuables in unexpected places. Get creative! Put some of your expensive jewelry in a toolbox in the garage. If you have heirlooms, hide them away in the attic. Stop theft before it happens by making smart decisions. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>

Tweet: (October 16) Got valuables? Hide them in unexpected places, like in the garage or attic. #KeepingAllenSafe by preventing theft. <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>.

Post: (November 24) Three Easy Ways to Stop a Burglar Before He Starts. Tip 1: Block the burglar's line of sight to your alarm. Tip 2: Keep your blinds and curtains closed. Tip 3: Leave a light on in the center of your house, close to where you would be working or relaxing. For more tips, watch "Inside the Mind of a Thief" video. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>

Tweet: (November 24) Hinder burglars by closing the curtains and leaving a light on in the center of your house. More tips at <http://ow.ly/G8ip308jxUz>.

### **More Crime Prevention Tips:**

Post: (February 12) "The key is under the mat!" Bad call. Don't pull a #gilmoregirls and leave the extra key under the frog (or turtle?). Do not hide your key in an easily accessible place – burglars know all the hiding places. Instead, give your key to trusted neighbors or friends, and consider starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area to reduce criminal activity.  
<http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>

Tweet: (February 12) Don't leave a key under a frog like the #gilmoregirls! Deter burglars by starting a #NeighborhoodWatch group at <http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>.

Post: (April 26) Do you lock the doors to your house? Most people would say, "Yes, of course!" But do you lock them even if it's only for a few moments, like taking out the trash, collecting mail from the mailbox, etc.? An unlocked door is an invitation for a burglar to slip inside while you are out. Keep windows and doors locked to prevent theft. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/ROWS308jF9H>

Tweet: (April 26) Do you lock doors? Even if it's only to take out the trash or check the mail? #KeepingAllenSafe by preventing theft.

Post: (June 6) Walk around your home with the eyes of a burglar. What do you see? Look for weaknesses, such as sliding doors that could be jimmed off the track, glass that could be shattered to gain entry and window unit air conditioners that could be easily removed. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/35Kj308jHsy>

Tweet: (June 6) Walk around your home with the eyes of a burglar. What do you see? Look for weaknesses to fix. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/35Kj308jHsy>

Post: (July 26) You'd be surprised at what you can do *outside* your home to deter burglars! Here are three tips to de-burglarize your lawn. Tip 1: Trim bushes and trees so that they cannot serve as hiding places. Tip 2: Avoid planting low scrubs in front of windows that could conceal burglars or their equipment. Tip 3: Add good lighting outside your home to deter nighttime burglars. <http://ow.ly/bm30308jLrA>

Tweet: (July 26) Spending time outdoors? Trim bushes and trees and add good lighting to deter burglars. <http://ow.ly/bm30308jLrA> #KeepingAllenSafe

Post: (September 14) While sliding glass doors are beautiful and bring in natural light, burglars can force the door open or lift it right off the track. Take precautionary measures now. Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track, and install vertical bolts to secure it in place. Also, you might consider starting a Neighborhood Watch group to keep an eye on anyone suspicious. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>

Tweet: (September 14) Sliding glass doors are beautiful, but burglars can use it as an entry. Take some wood or a metal rod, and secure w/bolts. #KeepingAllenSafe

Post: (December 12) Three Ways to Hide Expensive Items from Burglars. First, keep your cars and bikes in the garage where they are out of sight. Second, do not leave the box for your new electronic equipment next to your trash can. Third, put expensive jewelry and your mattress full

of cash somewhere safer, like a safe deposit box. To be extra safe, start a Neighborhood Watch group to monitor criminal activity in your area. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>

Tweet: (December 12) How to keep expensive items from burglars? Have them out of sight, and hidden away somewhere safe. #KeepingAllenSafe <http://ow.ly/eVP2308jyaz>