



BE AWARE OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY! *There are breaking and entering crimes occurring near our town. Please report ANYTHING you believe is suspicious. “We would rather be called and not needed than to be needed and not called.”*

Our community is the first line of defense against this type of crime. “When in doubt...look about...and report.” DO NOT attempt to stop a suspected burglar or person breaking into a home or business. DIAL 911.

Detection:

- Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious vehicles and or persons in the area of your residence. **Do not confront possible suspects.**
- Record the license numbers, descriptions of suspicious vehicles, and of occupants from a safe and NON conspicuous location.
- Report your concerns immediately by **calling 911**. Answer the questions the communications officer asks you to the best of your ability.
- Trim bushes and remove obstructions where criminals can hide.
- Don't hide keys in secret places....most are easily discovered by criminals. Instead leave a duplicate with a trusted friend or neighbor.

Prevention:

- Request the Middleburg Police to engrave your valuable belongings. This may discourage theft and will provide an easy way to identify your stolen property.
- Use a personal identification mark when engraving your property. (For deterrent purposes, the identification mark should be in an obvious location on the item. Example: the back of a TV set engraved with a personal number easily related to you.
- Record the contents of your home on paper and or using a camera. Include the serial number and identifying marks when available.
- Establish relationships with neighbors and check on each other's property when away. Ask the Middleburg Police Department to keep a check on your home when you are away for an extended time.
- Lock everything and Install deadbolts.
- Invest in a burglar alarm when feasible.
- While away make your home look occupied. Cause your grass to be cut, use timers for lights, contract to have snow shoveled from sidewalks and driveways.

What to do if you are a victim

- Upon discovery of a break-in, contact the Middleburg Police by **dialing 911**. **DO NOT ENTER!!!** You may walk in on the suspect (s) and it could escalate the crime.

**CONCERNS AND OR FOR INFORMATION CALL THE MIDDLEBURG
POLICE DEPARTMENT AT: 540-687-6633**