



# POLICE ALERT

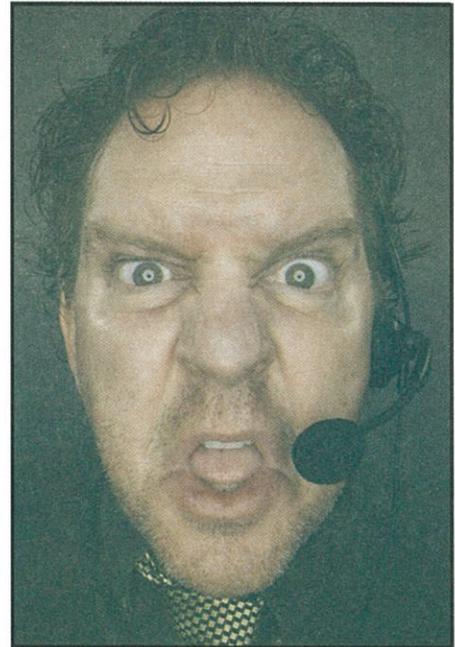


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# PHONE SCAMS

Nassau County residents are being financially targeted by individuals who are making false statements on the phone. Callers attempt to manipulate recipients into sending them money by pretending to be legitimate entities.



## THESE PHONE CALLS ARE ILLEGAL

Examples of  
Phone Scams  
include:

- X** Government Agencies
- X** Utility Companies
- X** Prize Winners
- X** Kidnapped or arrested family members

Legitimate agencies and  
companies will **NEVER** ask  
you to send money via:

- ✓** Green Dot MoneyPak
- ✓** MoneyGram
- ✓** Western Union
- ✓** Other prepaid card/money transfer company

Please report suspicious activity to 911



# Double-Check BEFORE You Double-Click

## BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS

- Legitimate agencies and companies will NEVER ask you to send money via wire transfers and gift cards or ask for personal documents and credit card information.
- Scammers can easily create an unauthorized email simply by using the same logo and design as a legitimate company to make it appear official.

**BE ALERT: BE SKEPTICAL OF ALL UNSOLICITED EMAILS. Look for the clues below to determine if you are the potential victim of a scam.**

### HOW TO SPOT AN EMAIL SCAM:

- Email contains a generic rather than personal greeting
- Organization or business name is unclear or not listed
- Poor quality grammar, spelling, and presentation
- Requests large amounts of money or personal information
- Unexpected pop-ups on your electronic device requesting you to allow unknown software to run on your computer

### IF YOU DETECT A SCAM, DO YOUR RESEARCH!

- Internet search for the email address of the company to see if others have dealt with them
- Internet search the exact wording of the email. (Someone may have already received this scam!)
- Reach out to alleged company's Corporate Headquarters to confirm the legitimacy of the email



- **Do NOT** send anything to companies that do not respond back to your attempts to receive more information
- **Do NOT** click any pop-up windows/links or open any attachments asking you to 'validate' or 'confirm' your personal information

**IF YOU RECEIVE A SCAM EMAIL, DELETE THE EMAIL AND BLOCK THE ADDRESS**

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM POTENTIAL EMAIL SCAMS:

- **Do NOT** post your personal email, phone number, or address on social media
- **Do NOT** use the same password for every account/profile
- Protect your home Wi-Fi network with a password
- Update your computer's security software

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## RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

From the Nassau County Police Department



### DO:

- ✓ Lock doors, windows, and gates when leaving the house.
- ✓ Make alarm stickers visible on doors and windows; they should be easily seen from the street and sidewalk.
- ✓ Take pictures of your valuables and mark them with your driver's license number to make them easy to trace.
- ✓ Set inside lights on timers to turn on at dusk.
- ✓ Install outside motion detection lights at the corners of your home. Make sure they are high enough so that an intruder is unable to unscrew the bulbs.
- ✓ Use dead bolts with a one-inch throw to make the mechanism difficult to pry open.
- ✓ Ensure that sliding glass doors and windows have metal pins or a metal bar installed so that they cannot be pried open.

### DON'T:

- ✗ DO NOT leave newspapers and packages in the doorway. Arrange for a delivery time when you or a neighbor can pick them up.
- ✗ DO NOT leave garbage cans at the curb all day; if you cannot stay home, use plastic bags instead of garbage cans.
- ✗ DO NOT let people know you are not home by posting on the Internet or on voicemail.
- ✗ DO NOT let shrubbery overgrow and hide windows and doors.
- ✗ DO NOT leave valuables out. Store them in a non-discrete location, avoiding bedroom drawers and obvious places.
- ✗ DO NOT leave driveway empty. If possible, have a neighbor park a car in your driveway.

**IF A BURGLARY DOES OCCUR, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.**

DO NOT try to enter the premises – the burglar may still be inside. DO NOT disturb any evidence.

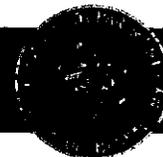
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## BEWARE OF DECEPTION BURGLARIES AND HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAMS

Nassau County Police offer the following tips to prevent deception burglaries:

- ✓ Do not allow uninvited repair workers into your home, especially if they want to fix something that you have not noticed is a problem (such as a leaky roof).
- ✓ If someone claims to be at your home for an inspection, ask for identification and contact their company prior to allowing them into your home.
- ✓ Keep doors locked when possible to prevent anyone from entering your home while you are outside the house.
- ✓ Call 911 immediately if someone attempts to enter your home or you suspect someone is attempting a deception burglary.
- ✓ Watch for people offering services in your community and make sure to write down a description of the individuals and their vehicle, including a Plate number.
- ✓ Older residents and those living alone are often targeted – keep in contact with your neighbors to ensure that they are not victimized.
- ✓ Always research companies before hiring them to ensure that they are legitimate companies with a good reputation.



As with other crimes, you can make your neighborhood an uncomfortable place for criminals to be: **Report Any Suspicious Activity.**

**To report any suspicious activity 1-800-244-TIPS (8477)**

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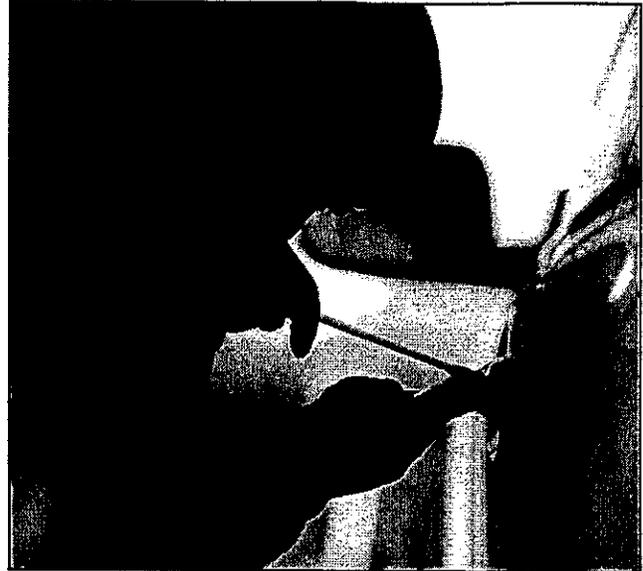


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## **STOLEN AUTO PREVENTION TIPS**

**From the Nassau County Police Department**

***Every 43 seconds,  
a car is stolen in  
the United States,  
which is close to  
a million vehicles  
per year!***



1. Do not leave your car unlocked
2. Never leave your car running, especially while it is unattended or unlocked
3. Do not leave a spare key near or in your vehicle
4. Never leave your windows open
5. Park in well-lit areas
6. Install an audible alarm system and a visible anti-theft device
7. Consider installing a GPS tracking system
8. Do not leave valuable personal property in your vehicle
9. Leave your car in park or in gear with the wheels turned towards the curb
10. ALWAYS look around and be aware of your surroundings

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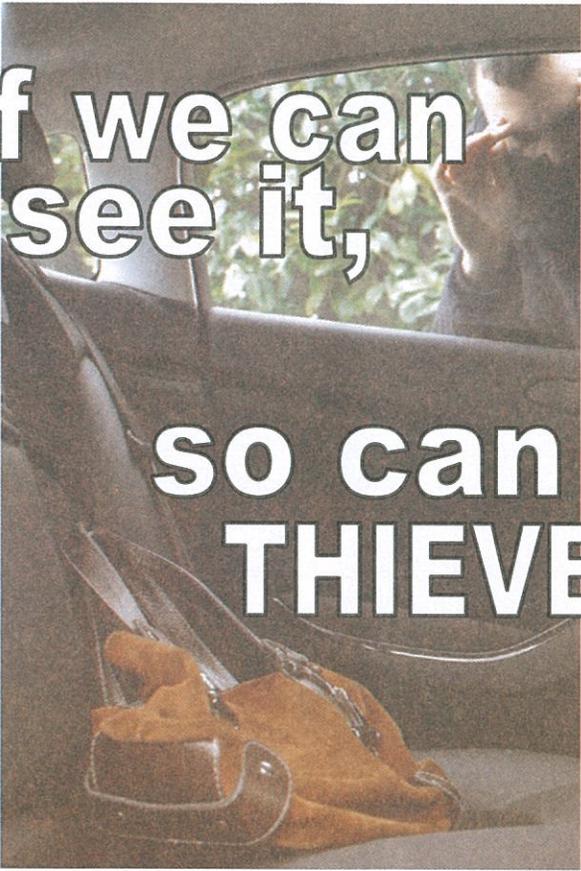
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## *Safety Tips from the Nassau County Police Department*



If we can  
see it,  
so can  
**THIEVES!**

### ***Thefts from Vehicles***

- Park in well-lit areas.
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE and do not leave it running unattended.
- Do not leave a GPS or any other valuables visible in the vehicle. Hide packages and shopping bags in the trunk.
- Keep keys in your hand when walking to your car or home.

### ***Burglary Prevention***

- If you have an alarm, be sure to set it. Consider installing an alarm system, if you don't have one.
- Gifts and valuables should be kept out of sight, away from windows.
- Do not publicize that you will be out of town on the internet.
- Leave your lights on when you leave the house.
- Lock all doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home if you'll be away.

### ***Shopping Online***

- Shop only on secure websites.
- Do not respond to emails asking you for personal or credit card information.
- Check your credit card and bank statements regularly.

### ***Take Inventory***

- Make time to update or create a home inventory.
- Take photos or make a video of valuable items with descriptions and serial numbers

### ***Shopping Tips***

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at ALL times.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Be sure your purse or wallet is secured at all times.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

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### *Shopping Tips*

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at ALL times.
- Don't carry more cash and credit cards than you absolutely need.
- Be sure your purse or wallet is secured at all times.
- Shorten the strap on your purse so you can carry it tightly between your elbow and body.
- Make sure all valuables are removed from the shopping cart when leaving the store.
- If someone pulls on your purse, let it go! It's more important to avoid injury rather than save your purse.

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