



14TH POLICE DISTRICT

Security Tips For Apartment Residents

Here are a few tips that will help residents of apartment buildings keep themselves and their belongings secure.

- **KEEP THE OUTER MAIN DOOR LOCKED.** Coordinate with other tenants to see that the door is not “buzzed” open until the person requesting entrance is properly identified.
- **CHANGE THE LOCKS** on your unit when you move in. You never know who may still have a key.
- **NEVER GIVE KEYS** to delivery persons or repair persons.
- **NEVER ADMIT STRANGERS** to your apartment. Refer salespersons, solicitors, information seekers and repair persons to the building manager.
- **DEVELOP A “BUDDY” SYSTEM** with your neighbors. Be alert for suspicious-looking strangers, sounds, or actions in the hallways, and notify the building superintendent at once.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL LOCKS** should be placed on windows that open onto fire escapes, and on doors that open onto terraces and balconies.
- **KEEP YOUR MAILBOX EMPTY.** If you are away, arrange with a neighbor or the building manager to have your mail and any circulars taken out of the box.
- **DON’T LET NEWSPAPERS PILE UP** in front of your door. Arrange with your neighbors or the building manager to have them taken inside or pushed under your door.
- **LEAVE A LIGHT ON** and a radio playing quietly when you go out to give the impression that someone is home.
- **DON’T ENTER OR LEAVE YOUR BUILDING** if you notice strangers loitering in the entranceway.
- **AS YOU ENTER OR LEAVE YOUR BUILDING** makes sure the lobby door is closed.

To report suspicious activity, call 911. If you have information regarding a crime, call NWDD at 215-686-3354, or make an anonymous tip at 215-686-TIPS or email: TIPS@PhillyPolice.com
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