

Seasonal Crime Prevention Tips

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As the warm spring weather approaches, the City of Ridgeland Police Department wants to remind you of some tips to keep yourself and your home safe during the spring and summer months.

Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the backyard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard. Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.

During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house.

Install motion-activated lights in your front and backyards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.

Put all ladders, lawn care equipment etc. back into a secure storage area after you use them. Don't forget to secure your bicycles, golf clubs and any other recreational items when they are not in use. Always lock any storage unit or shed you have on your property.

Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person and notify the Ridgeland Police Department immediately.

If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification.

Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.

Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can spot criminals and alert the police and the community to their presence. Get involved in your community, and help us keep our city happy and safe.