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To learn about how to start your own crime watch, contact the following:

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Crime prevention tips:

Call 272-3121 for routine suspicious activity or to report a crime that has been committed.

Call 911 if a crime is taking place.

272-1111 gets you a dispatcher or call taker, not a policeman

243-6990 is the substation on Brook Street (but it's not manned 24/7)

421-2489 mayor's office of neighborhood help (Ms. Mitchell)

Vassar Avenue has had lots of break-ins and car problems

"Easy grabs" is what thieves are looking for

Park in well-lit areas and lock your car

Don't try to stop thieves - just call the situation in immediately

Use your alarm; shrubs should be away from windows; get light sensors

There are 6 patrol cars from India Point to the Pawtucket line

Try to get a good description of the suspect

If you see something suspicious, say you want to talk to a police officer; don't just call & leave your name and contact information

Write down the serial numbers of any items at your home you think may be of interest to thieves - if the items are found in someone's car, police can call the serial numbers in and if they're listed as stolen, the person can be charged with "receiving stolen goods" and brought in for questioning

DO NOT EVER leave your car running and leave the area for any reason

TVs, laptops, jewelry and guns are the primary items thieves want

Don't leave ladders out anywhere on your property

Check Craig's list after a break-in as stolen items sometimes show up there

Having an alarm company sticker on the doors/windows is a helpful deterrent

Do not keep your computer/laptop visible or near a window

Call in the license plate if it looks like a suspicious vehicle

Ask for an ID before you talk to anyone who comes to the door or just tell them you're busy and don't even open the door

Before you leave home, shout into the house "I'll be back soon" - if anyone's listening, that may deter them from a possible break-in

Check the Providence Police website for more information (sex offenders are listed including their addresses)

Frontdoorsoftwaresecurity.com is like lojack for computers

If you see something that strikes you as odd or unusual behavior, report it quickly & you may help catch someone

Google “How to make my property safe?” for more safety tips

Cheryl Simmons sends out frequent email updates concerning criminal activity the neighborhood. To receive her emails, contact her at Cherylsimmons414@aol.com .

You also can get email updates by joining the College Hill Neighborhood Association, as well as a wealth of other information as well. You can join the Association for \$20 per year by logging onto their website at [www. Collegehillneighborhoodassociation.org](http://www.Collegehillneighborhoodassociation.org)