You CAN help prevent crime in Your Community!

- Keep alleyways and shrubs trimmed down to prevent potential hiding spots.
- Keep outside lights turned on to illuminate dark areas.
- Report street lights and alley lights that are not working.
- Report all suspicious persons and vehicles that don't belong in the neighborhood.
- Keep an eye on your neighbors; especially those that are elderly or live alone.

For more information about fighting crime contact:

**National Organizations**

The National Crime Prevention Council
1700 K Street NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20006-3817
1-202-466-6272

The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA)
1757 Park Road NW
Washington, DC 20010
1-202-232-6682

For more information or a home security inspection contact:

Officer James Ghrist
(219) 836-6639

Munster Police Department
1001 Ridge Road
Munster, Indiana
www.munster.org

Phone: (219) 836-6600
FAX: (219) 836-8134
If You Are Traveling

- Stop your mail and newspaper delivery.
- Put at least two lights and a radio in automatic timers.
- Ask a neighbor to keep your property maintained.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Lock all your doors and windows before you leave.
- Don’t carry large amounts of cash.
- Conceal valuables in your trunk whenever stopping for a period of time.
- Carry a cellular phone.
- Be alert and cautious.
- Keep an eye on your luggage.
- Notify the Munster Police of when you will be gone. Let them know who has access to your house and an emergency contact number.

When You Are Out Shopping

- Do not carry large amounts of cash.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Leave lights on, inside and out, in case you return home after dark.
- Put purchased items inside the trunk where they won’t be seen.
- Park under a light pole.
- Shop with a friend.
- If you think that you are being followed or watched, ask store security to escort you to your vehicle.
- Have your keys in your hand while walking to and from your vehicle. They can make a good weapon.
- If you feel that someone is, or was, inside your home, call the Munster Police Department. Do NOT go inside.
- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.

If You Are Attacked

- Remain calm. Be realistic about your ability to protect yourself.
- Don’t resist, avoid the risk of injury.
- Hand over your wallet or purse quickly.
- Notify the Munster Police Department immediately.
- Report any crime, attempted crime, or suspicious activity.
- Give a good description; including any special features such as a limp or accent. Clothing, facial, automobile and direction information are very helpful.
- Press charges! The police need your help to stop crime.