

The Windcrest Police Department prides itself on a low crime rate and quick response times. We are a proactive department committed to preventing crime versus responding to it! This philosophy is strengthened by community involvement and zero tolerance for criminal activity. The Windcrest Police Department is committed to providing exceptional police protection and professional response to the citizens, visitors and businesses of Windcrest, Texas. Vehicle burglaries can be prevented! Here are a few tips that will help keep you from becoming a victim and keep your vehicle safe!

TAKE, LOCK, HIDE!

- Criminals will try to take anything! Never leave anything inside of your vehicle.
- Even empty bags can be enticing to a criminal. There may be nothing to steal in the bag, but you will suffer a hefty repair bill for damages!
- Take all valuables with you!
- Take your keys with you!
- Do not leave anything in plain view, including phone chargers, radar detectors, coins, CD's, or backpacks!
- Lock your vehicle!
- If you must leave items in your vehicle, hide them before you park your vehicle. If a criminal sees you put property in the trunk, they will break into the trunk when you leave.
- Park in areas that are not secluded. Well lit parking lots, with good sight lines, make it more likely your vehicle is visible to the general public. Criminals don't like witnesses.

ANTI-THEFT DEVICES

- Anti-Theft Devices are good prevention tools, but should be used in conjunction with other devices. Two devices are always better than one! Use a vehicle alarm along with an alternate device such as a steering lock or armored ignition lock.
- Ignition or fuel-kill switches. Kill switches are inexpensive devices that disable the car until being disengaged.
- Visible steering wheel, floorboard, tire or gearshift locks. These locks disable key components of the vehicle, rendering it immobile.
- Hood locks. These prevent the thief from gaining access to your engine, security system or battery.
- Armored collar around the steering column. Collars protect the column and ignition from tampering.
- Alarms. Security systems are common and make loud warning sounds when the car is opened.
- Optional sensors may detect glass breaking, motion, tampering and towing.
- Vehicle tracking. A hidden transmitter enables police to track the car (may not be available in all areas).
- One thing is certain...criminals normally choose the easiest targets!

CHOOSE NOT TO BE A VICTIM!

- Always be aware of your surroundings. If you see suspicious activity...call us!
- Have a plan! If plan "A" doesn't work...there are 25 more letters in the alphabet. Stay a step ahead of the criminals!
- Don't place personal information on your vehicles, such as, decals describing your family, where your children attend school or what sports teams they play for.
- Keep your personal life...private!
- Park in well-lit or heavily-trafficked areas.

If you do everything right, can you still become a victim of crime? Yes, you can! But if you develop a crime prevention plan and work that plan...you will greatly decrease your chances of becoming a victim of crime.

Windcrest is a beautiful and vibrant community. But with anything great, there are those criminals working to take it away. If you see a person that appears to be watching vehicles or appears suspicious to you, report it to the Windcrest Police.

Be Aware...Be Smart and help us, help you!



From the Chief

The Windcrest Police Department serves and protects the City of Windcrest, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year!

I am very proud to lead the Windcrest Police Department and its officers in providing unsurpassed customer service in assuring a safe and secure environment for the citizens, visitors and businesses of Windcrest, Texas. As Police Officers, it is our responsibility to preserve the peace, protect life and property, and enforce federal, state and local laws.



The Windcrest Police Department is staffed with an exceptional group of highly trained and professional police officers and support staff. The Windcrest Police Department is committed to providing exceptional police protection and professional response to the citizens and businesses of Windcrest.

This pamphlet is designed to provide crime prevention tips and information to our citizens, visitors and businesses about how to prevent vehicle burglaries. We are here to protect and serve the Windcrest Community. I promise to each of you that we WILL strive daily to exceed all expectations.

Sincerely,

A. O. "Al" Ballew

Chief of Police



Helpful Contacts

Windcrest Police Dispatch
(Non-Emergency).....210-655-2666

City of Windcrest Administration.....210-655-0022

City of Windcrest Animal Control.....210-655-2666

Crime Stoppers.....210-224-STOP

Battered Women's Shelter Hotline...210-733-8810

Rape Crisis Center 24 hr Hotline.....210-349-7273

Adult & Child Protective Services....800-252-5400

Poison Control.....800-222-1222

EMERGENCY.....911

Serving & Protecting the City of Lights



**Windcrest Police and the Community
"Partners in Crime Prevention"**

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STOP Vehicle Burglaries