



TIPS FOR PREVENTING THE THEFT OF YOUR AIR CONDITIONING UNIT



TIP #1: Secure the power disconnect box for the A/C unit with a padlock. If the criminals cannot turn off the power they may be deterred from attempting to steal or damage the unit.



TIP #2: Add lighting around the location of the A/C unit. Lighting is one of the most inexpensive deterrents to crime. Install motion or dusk-to-dawn styled lights.



TIP #3: The hex head screws found in the top of the A/C unit can be replaced with a one-way or tamper resistant screw. Most units have 6 to 8 screws holding the top cover on so the cost for replacement screws will be minimal.



TIP #4: Alarm the A/C unit with one of several devices available on the market. Alarms or theft sensors can be installed inside the A/C's top cover or in other areas of the A/C unit. Check with an A/C service company, your alarm company, or the Internet for available options. We recommend you use an audible rather than a silent alarm.



TIP #5: Secure the A/C unit by installing a cage or fence around it.



TIP #6: Keep gates to your backyard or business property locked.



TIP #7: Remove or secure ladders in the area as these can be used to access your roof.

Help us stop copper and metal theft; report suspicious activity around residential and commercial A/C units.

For more crime prevention tips please visit: www.mesaaz.gov/police