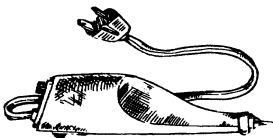


Operation I.D.

- Inventory all property that will be left in the residence. Include any serial numbers and model numbers that are unique to each item. Take pictures of jewelry, antiques or other collectibles. It is suggested that you do not leave valuable jewelry, money or papers behind, unsecured, in the residence.



- Engrave your driver's license number and the state code (ex. B1234567 AZ) on all items without serial numbers. Do not use your social security number.
- Take a picture of each room prior to leaving for the summer, giving the caretaker or the officer a visual depiction of the condition the residence as it was last seen.
- Leave a copy of the property list, pictures and a list of emergency telephone numbers and contacts with the caretaker or resort manager to be kept in the file. These can be retrieved, if needed, by a police officer in the event of criminal activity.

The police can only return property that is easily identified as belonging to you.

Resident Contact Information

Property Address

Resident's Name

Resident Telephone Numbers

Local _____

Other _____

Mailing Addresses

Mesa, AZ _____

Other Residence

Emergency Contacts

1. Contact Person

Telephone _____

2. Contact Person

Telephone _____

Miscellaneous Information



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Your Arizona
Home*



Mesa Police Department
130 N. Robson
Mesa, AZ 85201
480-644-2300
www.mesaaz.gov

Don't advertise the fact that you are going to be gone all summer.



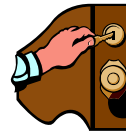
Your goal is to make your residence look like it's not vacant.

Window Security

- Install additional locking devices on all windows to improve security, including "thumb screw" locks, keyed window locks and dowels inserted into the window tracks.
- Applying window laminate (security film) not only prevents UV rays from damaging carpet or furniture, but also provides additional protection against the breaking of windows to gain entry. Some laminates will also prevent anyone from viewing inside the house even if the drapes are open.
- Use only those window coverings that allow light to be seen within the residence. Insulated draperies, vertical blinds or bamboo shades are good examples. Covering your windows with styrofoam, foil or plywood not only indicates that your home is vacant and no one is coming back for awhile, but does not allow anyone to spot a burglar or a trespasser who may have taken up residence for the summer.

Door Security

- Install metal security doors with a dead bolt lock to provide an additional barrier. Security doors can be installed on any door that has a frame, including the sliding patio door.
- Dead bolt locks can be installed on any door, including outward opening doors. Where the inside lock is accessible from a window use a "double key" lock instead of a "flip" lock.
- Dowels placed in the tracks, a screw inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding door frame and projected into the fixed frame or bar locks increase the security of sliding style doors.



Home Exterior

- Trim back shrubbery that hides doors or windows. However, aggressive plants such as thorny cactus or bougainvillea planted underneath windows or along fences will discourage anyone from using those areas as a point of entry into the yard or home.
- Do not place a chain across your carport, remove the tires or place a vehicle up on jacks indicating that no one will be driving the vehicle for a while.
- Make sure porches, entrance areas, house numbers and yards are well lit.
- Leave old lawn furniture on a porch or patio if you normally have lawn furniture out.

Lighting is the #1 Crime Prevention Tool !



Leaving the electricity on gives you more options for security and no one can tell your schedule by your lighting, whether you are at home or away:

- Install outside "dusk to dawn" lights and /or motion lights. Make sure the motion lights are set to detect movement at the point that you are trying to protect rather than all of the pedestrians walking by or the stray animals.
- Use timers for inside lights and radios to give the appearance of someone being at home.
- Install monitored or unmonitored security alarms.
- Make sure to lock the breaker box if leaving the electricity on.

Neighbors

- Ask your neighbors to watch for suspicious activity and pick up any fliers or articles left on your doorstep.
- Stop delivery of the newspaper and have your mail forwarded for the time you will be away.
- Leave your contact numbers with a trusted neighbor or friend in case they need to reach you. Stay in contact if changing locations.
- Start or participate in a Neighborhood Watch group for your area. Participate in Operation ID.