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## **Summer Crime Prevention Tips**

As the weather gets warmer we may see an increase in the thefts of lawn furniture, porch furniture, lawn maintenance equipment, and burglaries of sheds. You might consider instituting some of the following:

- The installation of motion activated spotlights that illuminate lawn furniture will reduce the risk of it being taken. If you can secure the furniture in some way, please consider doing so.
- Keeping a porch light on during the evening through the night will reduce the risk of your porch furniture being stolen. If you can secure your porch furniture in some way, this too will reduce the risk of its theft.
- Ensure your lawn equipment is stored in a locked shed or a basement. If it is stored in a shed, ensure it is locked with a quality pad lock.
- If you are securing valuable lawn maintenance equipment in a shed, consider illuminating it with a motion activated spotlight.
- Ensure bicycles are secured inside the house or at least with a good bicycle lock.
- Ensure you record the make, model, and serial numbers of lawn maintenance equipment and bicycles and keep it in a safe place where it can be retrieved if stolen
- Consider engraving your driver's license number (soundex number) on lawn maintenance equipment and bicycles
- If you see suspicious persons in your neighbor's yard or on their porch please call 911.
- If you see suspicious person travelling through your community pushing or carrying lawn maintenance equipment, lawn furniture, or porch furniture, please call 911.