

**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 or a home  
security inspection contact:**

**Officer James Ghrist**

**(219) 836-6639**

**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



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# **Staying Safe During the Holidays**



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## 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.