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- Be aware of escape routes for emergencies, and post the phone numbers of the police or sheriff and fire department near telephones. Call 911 if the situation is life-threatening.

## If a crime occurs – report it!

Everyone should consider it his/her responsibility to report crime. Many criminals target favorite areas and have predictable methods of operation. When you report all the facts about a crime, it helps the police assign officers in the places where crimes are occurring or where they are most likely to occur. At least one out of two crimes in the United States goes unreported, either because people don't think law enforcement can do anything about it, or because people don't want to get involved. If you don't report crime, the criminal can continue to operate without interference.

In many cases, it is the information provided by victims and witnesses that leads to the arrest of a criminal. So tell law enforcement as much as you can; no fact is too trivial. They need the eyes and ears of all citizens.

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For further information on this program and other crime prevention material, write to:

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