



CENTRAL WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

Preventing Crime at Businesses

- Utilize video surveillance.
- Ensure the use of quality locks on all exterior doors/windows/
- Contract with an alarm company which immediately notifies law enforcement of activations – post the alarm companies notices/stickers on the exterior of the business.
- Leave cash registers empty overnight – if registers are visible from the exterior, leave the drawers open to show they are empty.
- Secure safes in concealed areas away from public view.
- Lock interior office doors when the business is closed.
- Use lighting which remains on overnight in publicly visible areas from street view.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 911? WHEN I SHOULD I USE THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER?

You should call 911:

- When any life-threatening situation arises that requires a response from the police, fire department or EMS.
- When a crime is in progress and the suspect is still on the scene or has just fled.
- There is an intruder in the business or if you suspect an intruder could be inside your business.
- For any violent crime including homicides, robberies, assaults, domestic assaults and sexual assaults.
- Aggressive panhandling or an individual making a disturbance.

You should call the non-emergency number of [314-231-1212](tel:3142311212):

- For property crimes when there is no known suspect at or near the scene and it is believed the incident occurred some time ago (for example, a burglary discovered after you've returned).
- It is important to note that regardless of the situation, if you feel there is immediate danger, call [911](tel:911).

You should call the outreach hotline at [314 904-6879](tel:3149046879)

- If you see someone unhoused needing assistance. Text is preferred. If you can discreetly get a picture to send with the location and description of the individual.