

# **The Many Ways We Can Help To Keep Our Property And Lives Safer**

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- ALWAYS lock your car when leaving it...even on your own carport..and that includes activating your car alarm if your car has one. Your remote usually activates the car alarm when locking your car with the remote.
- NEVER leave anything of value visible in your locked and alarmed car...that includes something as simple as a phone charging cable. No gifts, no bags, no groceries. Nothing that can be seen.
- Install and set up motion activated lighting at your carport...and at your back entrance...and your main entrance. Amazon and Harbor Freight have some very reasonable offerings...some battery powered, and some solar powered. An intruder onto your property does NOT want to be lit up.
- If you can afford it purchase and use a doorbell/security camera (similar to the RING brand) which can transmit video to your smart phone and actually records trespassers who violate your space. Always charge your cell phone in your own bedroom so that if you do hear an intruder you have easy access to it...instead of having to walk out into the family room or kitchen.
- Alert your neighbors on both sides of your space if you are expecting a delivery and you won't be home to receive it...they will gladly watch for it and remove it from your entryway...just as you would do for them.
- Report any suspicious people who are looking closely at your home or carport. Report only to your on-site managers: 760-439-2911 DO NOT REPORT to 911 or to the Oceanside Non-Emergency number unless that person is in progress of breaking in or entering an open window or door or if he is still on your premises.
- Report ANY AND ALL BREAK-INS which have occurred but are no longer in progress to the Oceanside Non-Emergency number 760-435-4900
- DO NOT REPORT non-life-threatening instances to 911 because it ties up police dispatchers and first responders.
- Record your bicycle serial number and your golf cart serial number and your e-bike serial number and post it to the website: PROJECT529.COM If you have a record of your serial numbers at home and have posted them to PROJECT529.COM it will help you recover your stolen article if police retrieve them. They cannot turn the item over to you without proof that it really was yours.
- LOCK UP your bicycles, golf cart, and e-bike with the many wheel locks or steering wheel locks available in the marketplace. That includes when you are visiting someone, or visiting the club house, pickleball court or swimming pool.
- If your golf cart has a horn you can have your maintenance service wire the horn so that every time you turn on your ignition, or someone jumps your ignition, your horn will go off. You would then have a turn off toggle switch on your dash labeled "LIGHTS" which you could turn off before starting...and only you know that it is meant to silence your horn when you don't need it.
- EMPTY YOUR TUBES AND MAILBOX regularly (daily) so that intruders in the park will not deduce that you are not home. Another thing about un-emptied tubes and mailboxes is that it should alert your neighbors that maybe you are in trouble. The YANO (You Are Not Alone) project uses tubes and mailboxes as signals that you may need help.
- DO NOT MAIL CHECKS to ANYONE from your space mailbox. Take them to the post office.
- Even if you are a Second Amendment supporter...NO NOT KEEP A LOADED HANDGUN available to you. The FBI advises that the number of deterred break-ins compared to self inflicted gunshot injuries to one's self or to innocent loved ones is miniscule.
- Set up some lamps in your home on automatic timers if you are going to be away for a period of time. Make sure they stay on until around 11 PM, but not on all through the night.