

# Are You a Crime of Opportunity?

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When I was reviewing police reports for the past year and looking at patterns and trends of burglaries and other crimes in Prairie Village, I noticed patterns and trends of some of the victims. Read on and see if you may have asked yourself one of the questions below.

- Do you leave your home “for just a minute” with the door unlocked?
- Do you check your home’s doors before going to bed to make sure your home is secure?
- Do you “accidentally” leave your garage door open all night long?
- Do you leave your home completely dark when you are not home at night?
- Do you leave your car running, unattended and unlocked outside when it is warming up on cold mornings?
- Do you lock your car door the moment you enter it and make it as important as putting on your seat belt?
- Do you not use the “Buddy System” when out shopping or running errands?
- Do you try to remember to be crime prevention aware?

As you ponder these questions the Crime Prevention Unit wants you to remember to make crime prevention awareness one of your New Year’s resolutions. It is always easy to question yourself after being the victim of crime, but it is much easier to ask yourself these questions before it happens.

Feel free to contact the Crime Prevention Unit with your comments or questions at 913-385- 4613 or e-mail [mboggs@pvkansas.com](mailto:mboggs@pvkansas.com).