

DRAPER CITY

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

How to avoid license plate theft



So, you think your license plates are safe? Think again.

Whether you park your car outside, in the garage, or in a lot with hundreds of other cars, you run the risk of license plate theft.

Thieves steal license plates or registration stickers for personal gain. Although replacing stolen plates is relatively inexpensive, it is a hassle.

There are a few simple things you can do to avoid license plate theft altogether:

1. Replace regular screws with anti-theft screws. These can only be removed with a special tool.
2. Remove registration stickers from previous years (with a putty knife) before applying new stickers.
3. Once you've applied new registration stickers, lightly perforate them with a razor blade so they can't be peeled off in one piece.
4. Don't use license plate frames. They can be pried off.

Keep Your Car Safe in Cold Weather

Never leave your car idling and unattended. Do these things instead:

Invest in an ice scraper, buy commercial de-icer, cover your windshield with a tarp or towel, or cover your car with a tarp when you're not driving.

Daily home security checklist

- Get mail
- Collect packages from porch/doorstep
- Remove valuables from car
- Remove garage door opener from car
- Lock car doors/close windows
- Close garage
- Lock all windows/doors
- Turn on outside lights
- Turn on some inside lights
- Activate security system
- Keep track of suspicious activity
- Memorize important emergency and non-emergency numbers
- Alert Draper Police Department if suspicious or criminal activity occurs in your area

UPCOMING EVENTS

Whole community disaster simulation:

January 20, 2018, 1:00-3:00 PM, Draper City Hall Council Chambers

Practice emergency responses and learn what to do in the event of a major disaster.

CERT refresher training:

January 27, 2018, 1:00-3:00 PM, Draper Fire Station #22 Training Room

For anyone who has completed CERT training. Come get a brief refresher focusing on Search and Rescue.

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FIGHT CRIME FRIDAY

MAKE DRAPER SAFER

Every Friday | 12:30 p.m.

FIND OUT MORE

If you'd like more information on any of the material mentioned in this month's newsletter, contact Draper's Crime Prevention Specialist:

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DRAPER POLICE DEPT.

PREVENT MAIL THEFT

- Retrieve your mail as soon as possible.
- Don't leave mail in your box overnight.
- Invest in a locking mailbox.
- Don't alert criminals to mail in your box. Don't put up the flag.
- Invest in a P.O. box.
- Install a motion-activated alarm or chime on your mailbox.
- Report mail theft immediately.