

SPECIAL SECURITY MESSAGE

Security is becoming increasingly critical, not only in Framingham, but throughout the country. We, together with the Framingham Police Department, have compiled below a few suggestions, which we feel would assist in protecting our mutual interests. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation.

1. Do not permit unidentified strangers to enter the building. When unlocking the exterior door yourself, do not permit a stranger to enter with you, which would in essence, be permitting him to use your key. When inside your apartment and the buzzer sounds, use the intercom and be fully satisfied before pressing the door release button. A helpful hint when using the intercom is to speak only at a normal conversational level.
2. Immediately report any suspicious persons, strange vehicles, or unusual activities to both the manager and the police. Jot down the license plate number of a strange vehicle. It could prove to be extremely valuable. Please do not hesitate to call the police. They have emphasized that they would much rather go out for a false alarm than risk losing the opportunity to challenge a crime being committed.
3. Notify the manager promptly of burnt out lights, faulty locks, and doors that do not latch upon closing.
4. Keep all doors and windows locked. Most burglaries are committed during the day in the absence of the resident. Lock up even if you leave for a few minutes.
5. If going out, try to indicate that there is activity going on inside the apartment by leaving a light on, but where the bulb or lamp cannot be seen. It also advisable to leave a radio operating.
6. If you are planning to be away for an extended period of time, please inform the manager of your plans and where you can be reached. Perhaps, inform a trusted neighbor to occasionally check your apartment. Do not broadcast your absence. Stop all deliveries.
7. Never give your phone number or address to unknown telephone callers; he may have dialed at random. Never mention that you are alone; keep the conversation to a minimum.
8. When using the computer do not disclose your name, town, street address or telephone number to people met through chat rooms and other anonymous avenues. Limit exchanges to non-specific general information.

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