

Crime Prevention

Salisbury Police
Department

Vandalism-

Vandalism has been on the increase in recent years throughout the city of Salisbury.

Many of the same precautions taken to discourage burglars may also discourage vandals. By taking a few preventive steps, you can help curb these crimes.

Improve general security—

- ◆ Secure all doors, windows, gates, skylights
- ◆ Install an alarm system.
- ◆ Don't allow landscaping to provide camouflage or hiding places. Keep the building windows visible and well-lighted.
- ◆ Keep your property well-lighted at night.
- ◆ Keep the neighborhood clean.
- ◆ Be watchful of strangers and immediately report suspicious actions near homes, schools, vacant buildings, businesses or other structures.
- ◆ Ask a neighbor to keep watch over your home while you are away and fill out a Dwellings Temporarily Vacant form at SPD (see above right)
- ◆ Have someone from SPD conduct a security survey of your home or business (see far right)

If Vandalism Occurs—

- ◆ Keep local law enforcement agencies informed about acts of vandalism to property.
- ◆ Paint over graffiti and repair vandalism promptly- the sooner you make repairs, the less chance there will be more vandalism. Don't repair damage until after you file a police report.



Going on Vacation?

Complete **Dwellings Temporarily Vacant** form at SPD or online at www.salisburypd.com on the Crime Prevention page and officers may make patrol checks of your residence as time permits.

Report Suspicious Activity-

No police department can function effectively without assistance from its citizens. We are depending on you to call and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions. Some examples might include the following:

- ◆ A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- ◆ Offers of merchandise at ridiculously low prices can mean stolen property.
- ◆ Anyone peering into or removing accessories from a car.
- ◆ Person(s) entering or leaving a business after hours.
- ◆ The sound of breaking glass could mean an accident, burglary, or vandalism.
- ◆ Person(s) loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas may be dangerous.

If something seems out of place or out of the ordinary, it might be considered suspicious and should be reported.



If you would like to have someone from Salisbury Police Department conduct a security survey of your home or business call **Community Affairs** at **410-548-3165**

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Salisbury, MD 21801

Phone: 410-548-3165
Fax: 410-860-1895

Email: spd@salisburypd.com

Additional information on Crime Prevention is posted on our website www.salisburypd.com on the Crime Prevention page. Go to the Crime Statistics page every week to look see what criminal activity is taking place in your neighborhood.

Please take the time to give the Salisbury Police Department constructive feedback that will assist us in better serving you.