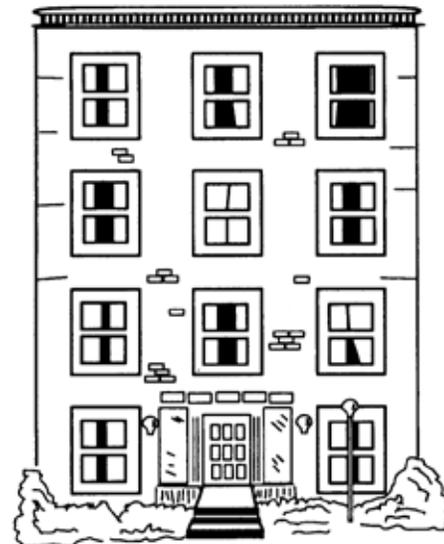




Security for residents of apartment buildings

1. When you move into a new building, request that the lock/cylinder be changed so previous tenants cannot enter.
2. Use only a first initial and last name on your mailbox and/or buzzer.
3. Make arrangements with a neighbor or apartment manager for delivery of packages.
4. If you do not have an outgoing mailbox, talk to your landlord to see if one can be installed. Don't leave your mail in an unsecured public area.
5. Introduce yourself to your neighbors.
6. Participate in the apartment club.
7. Never let a stranger follow you through your building's security door. If you feel intimidated by someone, use an alternative entrance.
8. Never buzz someone in until you have identified them.
9. If a stranger tells you they are going to visit one of your neighbors, tell them they have to wait until that neighbor lets them in.
10. Never prop open security doors.
11. If someone you don't know is standing in the lobby fumbling for keys, don't assume they live there. They may be trying to trick you into letting them in.
12. Never give out copies of your building key, nor let someone use it. It only takes a few seconds to make a copy of a key.
13. Keep all doors to your unit locked at all times, even when you go to the laundry room. Be sure to keep the terrace and balcony doors locked.
14. Make sure all exterior windows have security devices if the sills are within 24 feet of ground level or are accessible by means of balconies, fire escapes, porches, etc.
15. Call 911 when you see illegal or suspicious activity, and then report it to your landlord.
16. Consider installing an alarm system.
17. Do not pay rent or other housing charges in cash. Request proof of payment.
18. Never open your door until you know who is there. Use a peephole.
19. Don't rely on a chain latch for security.
20. Be cautious in and around elevators. If you are suspicious of another passenger, wait for the next elevator.



Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police_outreach_safe-teams to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit

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