



# SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency 847/982-5900

E-mail: [tips@skokie.org](mailto:tips@skokie.org)

[crimeprevention@skokie.org](mailto:crimeprevention@skokie.org)

Crime Tip Hotline: 847/933-TIPS (8477)

Text-a-Tip: text "Skokie" and your tip to 847411



## COMMUNITY ALERT

Contact: Officer Eric Swaback  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PATTERN

Recently, the Village of Skokie has experienced a number of residential burglaries in the area approximately 5 blocks to the east and west of Crawford Avenue from Howard Street to Dempster Street (Police Beats 311, 312, and 313). The burglaries have primarily occurred between 2:00-10:00 p.m. with the highest concentration between 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Saturdays. In these burglaries, doors to the residence are typically kicked in or pried open as a means to gain entry.

#### IMMEDIATELY REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF BEING A VICTIM BY:

- Activating your alarm system when you leave or considering installing one.
- Installing motion activated cameras or video doorbell devices at all doors.
- Upgrade the locks on your doors; install deadbolts and heavy duty strike plates (with at least 3 inch screws), use window locks when away from home.
- Upgrade the strength of your door jambs by installing anti-kick door hardware, available at home-improvement stores or online.
- Install security cameras on the exterior of your home and make sure your exterior lighting covers naturally dark areas when motion is detected.
- Keep an eye out for your neighbor's property and discuss concerns with each other.
- Take advantage of Residential Security Checks – more info at [www.skokiepolice.org](http://www.skokiepolice.org).

### CALL 9-1-1 WITHOUT DELAY TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, PERSONS OR VEHICLES.

A free inspection of your home's security status is available by contacting the Skokie Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 847-982-5919/5922.

The 24-hour Skokie Crime Tip Hotline is 847-933-TIPS (8477).

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