

If you have any questions regarding your crime, please contact the Investigations Division Commander at 847/982-5940.

To schedule a Security Survey or to learn more about the Skokie Police and its citizen programs, contact the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit at 847/982-5919.

CALEA Accreditation

The Skokie Police Department has been fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since November of 1988.

Accreditation is a process by which law enforcement agencies voluntarily seek to demonstrate their continued ability to meet internationally recognized standards. Re-accreditation occurs every 3 years.

The benefits to Skokie residents, businesses, and employees include controlled liability and insurance costs, administrative improvements, greater accountability, and increased governmental and community support for these agencies.

The Skokie Police Department's philosophy of community-oriented policing is designed to nurture a partnership with our citizens. The partnership works to develop solutions to address specific community issues.



The Skokie Police Department



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Burglary victims often feel "violated." The following explains some of the rights you have as a victim of a crime, as well as the services the Skokie Police Department offers. Please remember that we are here to assist you.

UNDERSTANDING POLICE PROCEDURES

1. A Skokie Police Department officer will respond to the scene and investigate the incident. Officers will search the crime scene to uncover as much evidence as possible. They will ask you and your neighbors questions regarding suspicious cars, people, activities or phone calls. The responding officer will then complete a written report detailing the facts of the investigation. The officer will provide you with an incident number that will assist you when seeking information regarding your case.

2. An Evidence Technician may be called to process the crime scene. If an Evidence Technician is assigned, please do not touch or disturb anything. Touching items may destroy valuable evidence. While this process may be both messy and inconvenient, it offers the best opportunity to solve the crime and return your stolen property.

3. The Skokie Police Department policy is to conduct a follow-up investigation on all burglaries. The detective assigned to your case will contact you, generally within a week. At that time, the detective will discuss the incident and may ask you for additional information not available at the time of the original report. The investigator may ask you to come to the police

station and have your fingerprints taken. This allows us to eliminate your prints from those of the offender. The detective will work with all the information available to solve your case. At times, an investigation may be set aside or inactivated due to a lack of information. This is not necessarily the end of the investigation. Evidence discovered in other incidents and arrests often lead to the solving of previous incidents.

4. A copy of your report will be available to you or your insurance company within a week. Copies may be requested in person, by phone, or by mail. The Police Department Records Unit is available to serve you Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a fee for each report requested.

CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS

In the unfortunate case of a crime, the victim has the right to:

- Have Stolen or other personal property returned as soon as possible.
- Obtain an incident report relating to the crime.
- Expect cooperation regarding questions you may have of the Skokie Police Department.
- Be informed of criminal activity in your neighborhood through the Neighborhood Watch program.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED BY VICTIMS

Q: *Why me?*

A: In most instances, burglary is a random crime and does not target any particular person or group of people. Many burglaries are crimes of opportunity that can be lessened through a combined effort between you and the police department. The application of some simple crime-prevention concepts may also be beneficial.

Q: *How likely is it that I will get my property back?*

A: It is difficult during the early stages of an investigation to determine whether stolen property will be recovered. Be as descriptive as possible when listing stolen property (i.e., include serial numbers or identification marks). Photographs may also facilitate the investigation.

Q: *If arrests are made, will I have to go to court or face the individuals who victimized my property?*

A: Very few property crime victims have to appear in court. Even fewer ever have to face the suspects. If you must appear, the Skokie Police Department will be there with you.

Q: *How can I help the police?*

A: Be alert and report any suspicious activity that occurs in your area.