

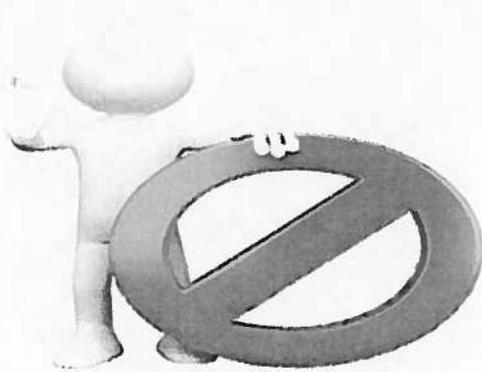


Attention Folks,

Friendly reminder to lock your vehicle by making sure all the windows and doors are locked.

Start a 9:00 PM routine to ensure that your vehicle is properly locked.

Remember to remove all valuable items or make sure they are covered. Always remove FIREARMS from the vehicle if the vehicle will be left unattended overnight.



Also, please remember to close your garage door to keep unwanted individuals from entering the garage to prevent crime from occurring. The Bel-Nor Police Department is responsible for the Bel-Nor Community as a whole and we intend to ensure every method of prevention is covered.

It is our mission to provide the citizens we serve with the best possible service. If you have any questions and wish to make any suggestions that may help us better serve our community, please contact Captain Dan Clyne at 314-381-2971 or at his email danielc@cityofbelnor.org.

Respectfully,

Community Relations Officer, M. Reppy 175

City of Bel-Nor Police Department

TRICK or TREAT

SAFETY TIPS

Bel-Nor Police Department would like provide the following contacts to ensure the safety of all participants of trick or treating within the City limits of Bel-Nor or neighboring communities.

- Bel-Nor Police Department non-emergency- 314.920.9513
- St. Louis County Dispatch- 636.529.8210 or 314.889.2341
- In case of an immediate emergency call- 911
- Poison Control Center- 1.800.222.1222

Remember, if you believe something is suspicious, Report it! Be able to explain to the 911 call taker why the behavior you are seeing/hearing is suspicious. What gives you the feeling that a crime is in progress or about to occur? Don't doubt your instincts. Call 911 and let our call takers evaluate and respond to the information you provide.

Halloween is the time of the year for tricks, treats and good humored frights, but also a time for some pretty scary scenarios. Provided below are tips and helpful knowledge to remember for the spooky night

- SafeKids.org/Halloween

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but Safe Kids' research* shows some scary statistics on Halloween safety.

Only **1/3 OF PARENTS** talk to their kids annually about Halloween, although 3/4 report having Halloween safety fears.



On average, **TWICE AS MANY CHILD PEDESTRIANS** are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year.



Only **18%** of parents use reflective tape on their children's Halloween costumes.

12%

of children five years of age or younger are permitted to trick-or-treat alone.



Talk with your goblins about Halloween safety, and how simple precautions can make it a fun and safe night for kids of all ages. For additional safety tips, please visit SafeKids.org/Halloween

Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and **CROSS STREETS WITH AN ADULT**



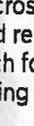
ALWAYS WALK ON SIDEWALKS OR PATHS

if there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the side as possible.



Cross the street at corners, **USING TRAFFIC SIGNALS**

and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.



DRIVERS SHOULD SLOW DOWN

and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.



Recent Tamperings of Motor Vehicles

One of the most infuriating things that can happen to a car owner – and it's one of the most common forms of larceny in the U.S. is the "Car Clotters". They don't even steal your whole car, just the valuable items in it – which you then have to painstakingly replace while dealing with the arduous and costly car-repair process.

While there's no way to 100% deter these kinds of thieves, there are some common-sense steps you can take to make your vehicle a much less appealing target. Above all, thieves look for opportunities. Make them "work" for their pilfered prizes, and they'll most likely just forget it and move on to an easier target.

Theft prevention starts before you even leave your vehicle

Car clotters typically aren't criminal masterminds who craft clever schemes to swipe your stuff. Most are casual opportunists. They see something they like, so they break in/open it and take it. So before you get out of your car, make sure your valuables are out of sight. Never leave these things lying out on your seats, dashboard or floor:

- Phone
- Purse or wallet
- Laptop (or its bag)
- A briefcase or backpack
- Shopping bags
 - An MP3 player or other small electronics
- CDs if you still use them
- Cash – yes, even loose change/coins
- Your keys – it actually happens!

Car clottings happen in plain view

Most thieves go solo or a small group, such as juveniles. The last thing they want is a crowd of onlookers with cell phones to record them in the act.

If you'll be away from your car after dark, park in a well-lit area or near a lamppost.

Discourage thieves with anti-theft measures

Thieves are also lazy. With car clottings, they're usually not looking for a huge payoff. What this type of thief wants is a quick thrill – or maybe a little extra revenue – for as little work as possible. By making your car a harder target for these people, you make it less desirable. So:

Always lock your doors and roll up your windows when you park.

Activate your security system if you have one.

Consider window tinting (if permitted by local laws), since it makes casing your car more difficult.

Use after-market measures, like mechanisms that lock the steering wheel to protect your car and alert thieves that you've taken extra security measures.

Don't use the console or glove box as mobile lock boxes. These are obvious to thieves, too.

Again, car clotters don't normally take the vehicle itself. However, there is always the chance that a key on the dash or in the ignition may motivate the more daring into outright auto theft. Also, remember that if you have a great hiding place for a key – say, in your wheel well or above the sun visor – a thief has also thought of it. So if you're away from your car, keep your keys away from it too. Preferably with you.

Beware a watchful eye

While your trunk is better than the passenger compartment for shopping bags and laptops, an experienced thief will often stake out a parking lot and watch you transfer your things there. So before you even get to where you'll be leaving your car unattended, move your valuables to the trunk or wherever they're out of sight.

Be alert for signs of car thieves

See suspicious activity? Trust your instincts and don't park there. And never confront anyone yourself. If you're concerned, report your suspicions to the police.

Again, theft is often an opportunity. If someone breaks/ enters into your car and realizes they have the opportunity to steal your vehicle as well as your valuables, you face a much larger loss. Here are four things you should always do for car theft protection:

Always lock your vehicle (even while driving)

When parked, leave all windows - including the sunroof - closed

Know where you're going and plan routes that avoid high crime areas whenever possible

Park in well-lit areas and never leave your car unattended if it's running