









PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY: TIPS

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	<p>Start with signage. Clearly post a notice to mark areas on your property where access to the general public is not allowed. This makes clear the restricted areas on your property and allows the Police Department to assist with enforcement.</p>
	<p>Motion detector lights installed at key spots around your building offers both illumination as you enter a darkened area but also conveys that you are paying attention to unauthorized movements in such areas. It also suggests to visitors that their movements are being watched.</p>
	<p>Fencing can be installed to limit access to areas where you do not want any unauthorized persons to enter. Placement of some types of landscaping along fence lines also can deter efforts to access these areas. This also is a good place to post a No Trespassing sign.</p>
	<p>Security cameras offer an additional means of monitoring activity around your property, especially in places you don't always have in your direct view. Cameras come with a wide variety of functions from motion detection to recording. You can also register your camera with the GPD as part of the City's Neighborhood Watch program: https://greeleypd.com/neighborhood-watch-camera-program/</p>
	<p>Cover and secure outdoor electrical outlets to prevent unauthorized access and theft of your electrical service. Covering outlets also limits the tendency for individuals to loiter in such locations while waiting for electrical devices to charge.</p>
	<p>Install key pad dead-bolt locks on entries to rental properties and areas for restricted access. This will help deter unwanted access into main foyers and prevent access to other parts of a building. The success of this security tool depends on the consistent efforts of all building tenants to resist sharing the code with guests, prop doors open for visitors or deliveries or for convenient loading/unloading.</p>

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	<p>Prompt removal of graffiti is another way to convey that a property is regularly checked and maintained. The City takes the time to view graffiti for any trends, ‘signatures’ and other messages that would help with apprehension of the vandals. To report graffiti and for any help with its removal call the City at 350-9336.</p>
	<p>Good property maintenance goes a long way to avoid “attractive nuisance” behaviors. Properties with dead, poor or missing landscaping, boarded windows, scattered trash containers, etc. communicates neglect and invites invasion. If the property is next to an alley take extra measures to limit access and to keep trash receptacles from overflowing.</p>
	<p>Keep trash containers locked and inaccessible to prevent persons from sorting through discarded items and keep the property clean and well maintained. You can dispose of items left on your property (blankets, clothes, backpack, etc.). If you are uncertain about the contents of such items (e.g. phone, keys, personal identification, drugs, needles, etc.) you can ask the Police Department to retrieve the item or you can drop it off at the Police Station.</p>
	<p>Report all suspicious activity. Illicit and nuisance behaviors persist in places where individuals think no one is paying attention. Call 9-1-1 if the issue is immediate or threatening. If you notice a pattern of activity, damage to property, or items out of place or concerning, call the non-emergency number at 350-9600.</p>
	<p>Disallow solicitation for donations on your private property. While public sidewalks and spaces are not limited areas from which a person may express themselves, solicit signatures, or request help, your private property is an area where this can be limited. Posting a sign prohibiting such activity will allow removal of such persons from the property</p>
<p>Helping in other ways: <i>some individuals in our community struggle with adequate shelter, resources and household stability. If you know of someone in this situation who needs help, or you would like to help those organizations that offer a variety of services to assist individuals contact United Way of Weld County at 970-353-4300 or go to the local United Way website to learn more:</i></p> <p>https://www.unitedway-weld.org/household-stability/</p>	