

Crime Prevention Information

Crime Prevention is everyone's responsibility. Law Enforcement must have support from Citizens to prevent and to continue to fight crime in Madison Heights. Crime can and should be prevented. Partnerships that actively involve the local community and its residents are key to preventing crime. Prevention is a highly cost effective alternative to the costs of crime to individuals, neighborhoods and communities.

In order for crime to occur, three elements must be present. These elements are:

- Desire
- Ability
- Opportunity

The main objective of Crime Prevention is to reduce the opportunity for crime, thereby reducing the likelihood that crime will occur. One can remove the opportunity by target hardening. Common sense target hardening includes being aware of your surroundings and traveling with someone else or in groups to avoid being targeted alone, other actions such as locking your home and vehicle doors, securing valuables, closing garages, locking your bicycle, installing motion sensing lighting, residential and car alarm systems.