



CITY NEWS

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You Can Prevent Vehicle Burglaries

Vehicle burglaries remain the most reported offense to the Alamo Heights Police Department even though they are the easiest to prevent. Prevention of vehicle burglaries starts with you before you even leave your vehicle.

Alamo Heights 2020 Vehicle Burglary Statistics

- 36 vehicle burglaries in residential areas;
- 14 vehicle burglaries were in business parking lots including the dog park/little league and nature trails;
- 35 vehicles were unlocked
- 11 vehicles had broken windows, 4 had damaged locks and in every case valuables were left in open view.
- Total value of property stolen: **\$40,639**

Vehicle burglaries are no longer just a crime of opportunity but involve an experienced thief who plans their target areas knowing when and where people leave themselves most vulnerable to this crime. Frequent areas include:

- Parking lots (brief cases, purses, back packs, computer/iPads, etc. left in passenger compartments)
- Residential areas (house to house looking for unlocked car doors)

We are asking before you leave your home consider your destinations and with the exception of what you will carry with you inside, put valuables in your trunk or leave them at home. You can avoid being the next statistic by following three simple steps.

- 1. Do Not Leave Valuables in Your Vehicle**
- 2. Always Lock Your Doors**
- 3. Set Your Alarm**

Always consider:

- A loss of a purse or wallet is a loss of your personal identification that can be sold anywhere in the world.
- A loaded firearm left in a vehicle can be used against you or a neighbor interrupting a crime or a police officer who attempts to apprehend the thief.

BRIEFS

EVERY DROP COUNTS—THINK WATER CONSERVATION

- Remember that the City does have Year-Round Water Regulations
- Watering allowed any day before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
- Visit www.alamoheightstx.gov for more information

LEAK ADJUSTMENTS

If you recently had a leak fixed then you might qualify for a leak adjustment. You can complete the form on-line at the City's website or contact Amanda Borrego, Utility Billing Coordinator at 210-882-1507 for more information.

GO ON-LINE FOR CITY CODES/ ORDINANCES

All cities are governed by their Code of Ordinances. An ordinance is a law passed by a municipal government. There are some ordinances that govern certain activities within the City that citizens might be unaware of because they are unique to our City. To view the City Codes of Ordinances go to: www.alamoheightstx.gov/government/city-codes-ordinances/

CITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

SEE CITY WEBSITE FOR
UPDATES ON MEETING
LOCATIONS

Monday, February 1
Planning and Zoning Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 8
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.



Monday, February 15
Holiday—President's Day
***Offices Closed**

Tuesday, February 16
Architectural Review Board
5:30 p.m.

Monday, February 22
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.

***REGULAR SOLID WASTE
PICKUP SCHEDULE**

Tornado Preparedness

The City of Alamo Heights would like to remind its citizens about tornado safety and some important tips for success. Tornadoes can happen anytime and can bring an excess of 200 MPH winds, creating destruction in their wake. There are several ways to be notified of tornadic conditions in your area. Wireless emergency alerts are automatically generated to all compatible cell phones in the area that is threatened. If you receive AMBER alerts, you should receive the wireless emergency alerts, but please check to see if your device is compatible by referencing the following link:



<https://www.verizon.com/support/wireless-emergency-alerts-compatible-devices/>



You can also obtain emergency alert notifications from weather band radios. Follow the link below to review the "Best Rated" weather band radios:

<https://bestreviews.com/best-weather-radios>

You can also obtain emergency alert notifications from other devices that can alert you of tornadic conditions in your area. *Tornado Alert* is a scientific breakthrough based upon over 40 years of research. Unlike existing warning technologies, Tornado Alert constantly monitors the skies in real-time for electrical activity, the scientifically proven cause of tornado formation. Tornado Alert will tell you when a tornado, lightning or severe weather is detected within a 30 mile radius of your location, that's up to 30 minutes warning with live proximity status, giving you with critical time to get to safety, day or night. For additional information on this product, refer to the link below:



<https://tornadoalert.com/>

If a tornado warning is issued for the area, the following recommendations can help you prepare for the event:

- Finding a safe room or sturdy building, basement, or storm cellar to go to
 - If your home does not have a basement, a small interior room on the lowest level is recommended
- Stay away from windows, doors, and outside wall
- Have a plan in place for where family members will meet during and after an event
- Make a list of what to take with you if you must leave your home after an event
 - Be sure to include any medications
- Pay attention to weather reports and the signs of a tornado including high winds, funnel-shaped clouds, and excessive wind noise
- Prepare long-term supplies in your emergency kit such as water, cleaning supplies, non-perishable foods, and first-aid supplies

Do not try to outrun a tornado! Instead, by following the above points and resources below, plan ahead of time for success.

<https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>

https://gov.texas.gov/organization/disabilities/emergency_management

<https://www.osha.gov/tornado>

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/tornado.html>

ALAMO HEIGHTS Texas

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

911 for EMERGENCY
Fire/EMS (Non-Emergency): 210-824-1281
Police (Non-Emergency): 210-822-3321
Administration and Finance: 210-822-3331

Public Works: 210-882-1518
Water: 210-882-1507
Community Development: 210-826-0516
Court Clerk: 210-882-1501