

**The following crimes were reported to the Chatham Borough Police
Department during 2016:**

Residential Burglaries

Location

Modus Operandi

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| • 1/25/1 | Fairmount Av | Vacant House/under Construction |
| • 7/17/16 | Broadview Terrac | Garage Door left open overnight |

Stolen motor vehicles

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| • 1/29/1 | Summit Av | Fob left in car |
| • 3/27/16 | Oliver Street | Fob left in car |
| • 7/23/16 | Mercer Ave | Fob left in car |

Thefts of property from motor vehicles

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| • 2/12/16 | RR Plaza | Window smashed/airbag taken |
| • 2/18/16 | Chandler Rd | Car was left unlocked |
| • 3/12/16 | Watchung Ave | Window smashed/airbag taken |
| • 7/17/16 | Broadview Terrace | Car was left unlocked |
| • 7/17/16 | Harvard Street | Car was left unlocked |
| • 7/23/16 | Mercer Ave | Car was left unlocked |
| • 7/23/16 | Mercer Ave | Car was left unlocked |
| • 7/23/1 | Meadowbrook Rd | Car was left unlocked |

How you can help protect yourself from becoming a victim of crime

Burglary/Theft Prevention Tips

- **KEEP ALL WINDOWS & DOORS SECURELY FASTENED ON YOUR HOME AND VEHICLES!** Do not leave valuables in your vehicle in plain view. Unplug electronics and secure them before leaving your vehicle. **FINALLY... DO NOT LEAVE KEY FOBS OR VALET KEYS IN YOUR VEHICLE!!!!**
- **CREATE AN ILLUSION THAT YOU ARE HOME.** Use timers on lights, radios or TV to make it appear your house is occupied. Avoid clues that might tip a thief off that you are away, even for the night. Collect mail, newspapers and have a neighbor park a car in your driveway. Keep some blinds or shades open (preferably on the 2nd floor) so everything appears normal.

- **KEEP PERIMETER OF YOUR HOME CLEAR & WELL LIGHTED.** Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. Install motion lights or permanent spotlights to deter prowlers.
- **COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.** Let them know when you will be away, even if it's just for a day or evening. Also let them know if you will be having visitors who might be driving vehicles that are unfamiliar to them, or if someone will be coming to your home while you are out.
- **SAFEGUARD YOUR VALUABLES.** Including jewelry, watches, TV's and other portable items or any items or documents containing your social security number or other identifiable label. Consider storing jewelry and cash in a bank safe deposit box, or a hidden safe in your home. Most burglars go directly to the master bedroom, so avoid storing them there.
- **REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY TO THE POLICE.** Any person, vehicle, event or activity which seems odd or suspicious should be called into the police as soon as possible. Try to obtain as much descriptive information about the person or vehicle as you can, without alerting possible suspects.

If you are a victim of one of the above listed crimes remember:

Do not enter the home and call the police immediately!

Do not disturb the crime scene; you may destroy valuable evidence that can be collected by the police.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Chatham Borough police at any time. We are on duty 24 hours a day.

The phone number is 973-635-8000. If there is an emergency, call 911

