



SAFETY REMINDER

Apartment Safety



Did you know that 60% of burglaries in Plymouth are through unlocked doors or windows?

The Plymouth Police Department responds to many crimes, most commonly thefts from auto and other burglaries, that occur in apartment buildings and garages every year. Even if you live in a secured entry apartment community, you still need to take basic safety precautions. Remember, even if you trust your neighbors, there are still others that may come into the building (either legitimately or illegitimately) that could take advantage of an unlocked door.

Think about it: Apartments are like large houses with private, locked bedrooms... Would you let a stranger into your house, even if you had locked your bedroom?

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Do not let in or buzz in anyone who is not visiting you.
- **Lock up your apartment, even if you will be gone only for a few minutes!**
- **Do not prop open secured entry doors.** Close any door you see propped open. Tell management immediately if you find a broken door.
- Turn on lights and scan laundry and common rooms prior to entering them.
- Watch the garage door close behind you when enter and exit the underground garage to prevent unauthorized people entering the garage while it is open.
- Make your apartment look occupied. Use light timers and/or leave on a radio or TV.
- Keep drapes drawn during the evening, especially in the bedroom.
- **Remove all property from your vehicle whether it is of value or not. Car break-ins are the one of the most common property crimes in Plymouth!** GPS units, tools, bags/purses, electronics (ipods, cell phones, computers, etc.), are all commonly stolen items.
- Participate in an Apartment Watch. Get to know your neighbors through twice yearly meetings. Watch out for each other!
- Participate in Operation Identification (Operation ID). Operation ID is a FREE PROGRAM that allows you to mark your property with a police registered number. This number makes your property easy to trace if it is stolen, difficult to fence, and links the criminal to the crime. Operation ID is works nationwide. Call **763-509-5147** to register.

Report Suspicious Activity Immediately: If You See Something, Say Something!

- Crime goes where it is allowed. Do not tolerate it.
- Trust your 6th Sense. If you think something is not right, **DIAL 911**.
- 911 is the number to call if you need a police officer to respond to your location for any reason. You are not bothering police for calling about "minor" things, like suspicious activity, vandalism, noise complaints, etc.
- For more information on suspicious activity or to make an online report, go to www.plymouthmn.gov/iwatch.



You can make a difference in reducing the opportunity for crime!

Other Helpful Information

Disorderly use*

Three (3) disorderly use incidents at your apartment within a year can lead to eviction. Disorderly use is considered a violation of any of the following: gambling; prostitution; controlled substances and marijuana; unlawful sale of alcohol; noise/noisy assemblies; weapons; disorderly conduct; dangerous dogs; indecent exposure; assault (excluding domestic assault); public nuisance; unlawful use or possession of intoxicating liquor; criminal damage to property; drug paraphernalia; or contributing to the delinquency or status of a juvenile.* (For complete language, see Plymouth Ordinances 410.42 and 960.)

Plymouth Noise Ordinance**

- ✓ No person shall make...any... loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs... the comfort..., peace, safety, or welfare of any persons or precludes their enjoyment of property...
- ✓ No person shall use or operate...any radio...or other device...in a distinctly and loudly audible manner as to... disturb the peace, quiet, comfort... of any persons or precludes their enjoyment of property...
- ✓ Operation of any such...device between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible...in the hallway or apartment adjacent...shall be prima facie evidence of a violation...
- ✓ No person shall participate in any party or other gathering of people giving rise to noise, unreasonably disturbing the peace, quiet, or repose of another person. When a police officer determines that a gathering is creating such a noise disturbance, the officer may order all persons present...to disperse immediately. No person shall refuse to leave...Every owner or tenant...who has knowledge of the disturbance shall make every reasonable effort to see that the disturbance is stopped.

** (For complete language, see Plymouth Ordinance 2025.03)

Remember, you are responsible for the actions of your guests. It is your responsibility to ensure guests do not violate state statutes or local ordinances while visiting you.

Are you having a dispute with your neighbor over noise, harassment, juvenile issues, anything else? Try Community Mediation Services at 763-561-0033! It is a FREE service to all Plymouth residents!

Hennepin County Curfew Ordinance

Juveniles must be home by the following times, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian or there is a reasonable necessity for the juvenile to be out:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Sunday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday/Saturday</u>
Under 12	Home by 9 PM	Home by 10 PM
12-14	Home by 10 PM	Home by 11 PM
15-17	Home by 11 PM	Home by midnight

Crime Stoppers: Crime Doesn't Pay, We Do!

We need your help! If you have information about a crime that has occurred or on-going criminal activity, let Crime Stoppers know! Your information is anonymous and can earn you **up to**

\$1,000 for a successful tip! You can report tips by calling **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**, going online at www.crimestoppersmn.org; or texting on a cell phone **TIP674**, plus your message to **CRIMES (274637)**.



Phone Numbers to Remember

911: For police, fire, or medical emergencies; to report suspicious activity; or if you need a police officer to respond to your location for *any* reason

763-525-6210: For any non-emergency or to make a phone report

763-509-5160: Plymouth Police Department Front Desk

Working Together, We Make A Difference!