



Community Safety Tips

Home Safety

- For package deliveries, include your preferred location for drop off in the shipping address. For example, instead of including an apartment number for the address, indicate where you would like the package left such as back door, behind planter, between entry and storm door etc.
- Install motion sensor lighting
- Install exterior cameras if possible, ask your landlord if this is a cost they will take on.
- Use smart light bulbs that can turn on with a timer so it always looks like someone is home.
- Always lock doors and windows, especially if you live on the first floor or near a fire escape.
- Make a habit to check in with roommates when you arrive and leave home. Many folks assume the noise they hear in the living room/front room is a roommate and do not realize it is someone who might not belong in their home.

Car Safety

- Lock your vehicle at all times
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended while the engine is running
- Do not leave an extra key in the vehicle or store the keys in an unlocked vehicle
- Remove all valuable items every time you leave the vehicle, including small change, empty backpacks, etc.
- Secure car registration/title in a locked glovebox or console
- Use a club on the wheel as a theft deterrent
- Change the sensitivity of your car alarm. A sensitive alarm can scare away interested parties.
- Install an anti-theft device on your catalytic converter. These devices can range from \$250-\$800 and cover the converter, making it more difficult to remove.
- Make sure your auto insurance has full coverage, not just liability coverage. If you are a victim of catalytic converter theft, your insurance can help cover the damage.



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Bike Safety

- Register your bike with the Burlington Police Department by completing a Bike Registration Form <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/police/bikes>.
- Purchase Woo Cycle, a device that holds an Apple AirTag and screws onto a bike to track the bike after a possible theft.
- If your bike is stolen:
 - Send out a description on Front Porch Forum and the BVT Stolen Bike Report and Recovery Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bvtstolenbikereport/>.
 - Check in with local bike shops (Old Spokes Home, North Star Sports, Earl's Cyclery, Ski Rack, etc.) to be on the alert if someone tries to sell them your bike or bring it in for repairs
 - Monitor online sale platforms such as Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist for possible posts

Personal Safety Apps

- **Noon Light** If you're not feeling safe, open the app and hold onto the button. Once you feel safe, release the button and enter your 4-digit code. If you don't feel safe, release the button and don't enter your pin, and the app will note your location and alert police
- **Life 360** Location sharing and location review history. Car crash detection which informs emergency services instantly if there's a crash.
- **BSafe** Touch or voice activated SOS system. Live-streams and records your situation and sends your location to your "guardians" along with audio and video. Has a built-in timer alarm and a siren.