

Burglary Prevention Guidelines for Members of All Associations in Macao

- ◆ Recently the Judiciary Police have received a number of cases on house-breaking and shop burglary; meanwhile, schools and community centres have also become the targets for burglars. Properties worth tens to hundreds of thousands dollars (such as computers and electronic devices) were reported stolen.
- ◆ As holiday season is approaching, culprits may break into houses while families are away; pickpockets may also penetrate crowded places, such as shops or buses for opportunities.
- ◆ We would like to remind all associations and their members to remain vigilant at all times, and they should properly safeguard their properties against theft, especially during the holiday seasons.

House-breaking precautions

- ◆ Fit sturdy deadlocks on doors and grilles on windows.
- ◆ Attach an anti-burglary lock on the bolt before going to bed.
- ◆ Have your burglar alarm sensors or surveillance cameras checked on a regular basis.
- ◆ Make sure all windows (including fanlights) are properly locked.
- ◆ Do not keep large amounts of cash or valuables in the house.
- ◆ Ask your relatives or neighbours to empty your letterbox while you are away, and lower the ring volume of your landline to avoid signs of absence.

Shop burglary precautions

- ◆ Shop assistants should avoid leaving their personal belongings unattended.
- ◆ Install anti-theft devices, such as CCTV and burglar alarm sensors.
- ◆ Fix good quality and sturdy deadlocks. Remember to lock up when you leave.
- ◆ Do not keep large amounts of cash in the shop.
- ◆ Exercise utmost care when handling money transactions. Be vigilant against “Money Changing” fraud.
- ◆ Get yourself a counterfeit notes detection device and keep yourself well informed of the latest features of genuine banknote.

Robbery/theft precautions

- ◆ Do not carry large amounts of cash or valuables while you are outside.
- ◆ Avoid using handbags that cannot be zipped or buttoned.
- ◆ Be wary that your personal belongings such as handbag or wallet are always within view.
- ◆ Put your valuables in the boot or take them along with you before leaving the vehicle.
- ◆ If you decide to put your bag on the passenger seat, make sure doors are locked and windows are scrolled up.
- ◆ Always keep your handbag in the boot of your motorcycle when driving.
- ◆ Always walk on the inner side of the pavement or stay close to the sides of the street.
- ◆ Be careful when withdrawing money from ATMs.
- ◆ Should you believe that someone is following you home, avoid going up the stairs or taking the same lift together, and call the security guard or your family if needed.
- ◆ Ask your family or friends to walk you home at night.
- ◆ Should you encounter sudden blackout or suspension of water supply, do not go out of the apartment alone; instead, contact the security guards or your neighbours immediately.

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