



## Crime Prevention Newsletter

### Summer 2020

### Prevent Auto Theft

Don't make it easy for thieves to steal your car. Take every step you can to avoid being a victim. On average 23 cars per day are stolen in Minnesota.

#### 10 Ways to Prevent Auto Theft

1. Always lock your car. This includes if you are only leaving for a few minutes or in your garage.
2. Park in well light areas where possible
3. Don't leave your car running even for a few minutes or in the cold unattended
4. Set your car alarm always
5. Never leave your keys in your car
6. Don't leave valuables in your car (not even loose change)
7. Get a key fob defender bag to keep your signal from being stolen
8. Use a wheel lock
9. Watch for suspicious activity
10. Install a vehicle tracking system



## Gun safety Storage



### **Cable Lock**— Price Range:\$10-\$50

A cable lock can be used on most firearms, allows for quick access in an emergency and offers security from theft. The cable runs through the barrel or action of a firearm to prevent it from being accidentally fired, requiring either a key or combination to unlock it



### **Gun Case**— Price range: \$10- \$150

For those looking to conceal, protect or legally transport a registered firearm, a gun case is an affordable solution available in a variety of materials including plastic, fabric or metal. Be sure to lock it with an external device for added security.



### **Lock Box**—Price Range: \$25-\$350

With integrated locks, storage boxes provide reliable protection for firearms, and allow gun owners to legally transport them outside of their home.



### **Electronic Lock Box**—Price Range: \$50-\$350

Electronic lock boxes are an effective way to store or legally transport firearms, and they also prevent theft since only the person with the code can access the contents/ Some electronic lock boxes are specially designed for quick access to stored firearms.



### **Full Size and Biometric Gun Safes**—Price Range: \$200-\$2,500

A gun safe protects its contents from the elements and allows owners to safely store multiple firearms in one place. Gun safes of all sizes are now available with biometric options to ensure only certain people have access.

To learn more about firearm safety, please visit [projectchildsafe.org](http://projectchildsafe.org)



## COVID-19 Update and Resources

If you need help paying for rent, mortgage or utilities, contact Ramsey County for more information about Emergency Assistance (EA) and Emergency General Assistance (EGA). Emergency Assistance helps adults with children, and pregnant women. Emergency General Assistance helps adults without children. EA and EGA help with shelter, such as past due rent/mortgage or a damage deposit. EA and EGA also help pay for utilities, including electricity, heat and water, when there is threat of disconnection.

- By phone (recommended): (651) 266-4884
- Online: [RamseyCounty.us/EmergencyAssistance](https://www.ramseycounty.us/EmergencyAssistance)

The [Saint Paul Downpayment Assistance Program](#) provides financial assistance for homebuyers at or below 60% Area Median Income (AMI). Qualified homebuyers can receive up to \$40,000 for a home downpayment, closing costs, and/or property inspection. The program was developed to protect and preserve naturally occurring affordable housing in neighborhoods vulnerable to displacement and gentrification pressures. The Downpayment Assistance Program is funded by the [Housing Trust Fund](#), with support from [Minnesota Housing](#). Homebuyers must:

- Owner occupy and register as a homestead with Ramsey County throughout the loan term;
- Have net assets at or under \$25,000; and,
- Earn at or less than 60% Area Median Income (AMI). AMI is based on the number of people in a household

Saint Paul Connect Offers Free Youth Programs. Several Saint Paul organizations have come together to offer free programs, activities and weekly challenges for kids to stay engaged this summer. New activities are added every week, and include fun and educational programs from Saint Paul Public Library, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, SPPS Community Education and many more. Learn more at [spps.org/saintpaulconnect](https://spps.org/saintpaulconnect).

For more information and updates please visit: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/emergency-management/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-updates>

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