



Tips provided by Neighborhood Watch Committee of the Baristo Neighborhood Organization.

Tips to prevent crime and loss of property.

1. Leave your outside lights on at night—all night including entrance and overhead garage lighting.
2. Lock your doors/windows even though you are stepping away for a few minutes.
3. Lock your automobiles at all times—no exceptions.
4. Close your garage door.
5. Report any/all suspicious activities/individuals in your neighborhood. Get a good description of individuals (clothing color, etc.)
6. Do not leave mail in your postal box overnight.
7. Take mail with checks or any personal identity directly to the Post Office.
8. Know your neighbors—know how to contact them if they are away.
9. Notify a neighbor if you are going away for any length of time.
10. Stop newspapers/mail deliveries if you are going to be away. Or, make sure to have someone pick them up, and move your trash cans back in.



## Pedestrian Safety Tips

Palm Springs has some unusual pedestrian issues. Adapt to the characteristics of Palm Springs. Palm Springs is like no other place!

### Tips for Nighttime Safety.

- **Visibility Matters.** Be aware that others on the road may not be visible to you—and conversely, that others may not be able to see you. *Carry a flashlight.*
- **Wear light colors/reflective gear.** Wearing light colors makes you more visible, but drivers still may not see you in time to stop.
- **Walk or bike in well-lighted areas.** Stay on sidewalks and walk to the designated crosswalks meant for pedestrians where drivers will expect you to be. Motorists should not presume a crosswalk is empty. Cyclists should dismount and cross by foot and all pedestrians should not presume a driver can see them in the crosswalk, especially if dressed in dark clothing.
- **Don't be distracted.** Texting a friend, talking on a cell phone or listening to songs on head-phones can oftentimes diminish your capacity to react to threatening traffic situations.
- **Keep Alert.** Visually scan your surroundings. Keep a close look down the street and over your shoulder at all times.
- **Avoid non-traffic threats.** Walk or run with friends/group, or with a dog. Tell your friends and family where you are going and *always carry your ID or cell phone.*