

# LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



## **Rental Storage Theft Prevention**

Storage units are a popular way to keep personal items for a long or short period of time. However, these locations can provide an opportunity for crime. Be smart when making storage choices and don't assume your items will not be a crime target.

1. Limit what is stored. One of a kind or irreplaceable items should not be stored.
2. Know what type of insurance is necessary in case of theft or damage.
3. Keep a complete inventory of everything you are storing.
4. Arrange your unit so that valuables are in the back and harder to get to. Pack and label boxes so as to hide the fact that something valuable may be contained within.
5. Photograph the inside of your storage unit and the contents.
6. Check your items frequently. Do not leave them unchecked for long periods of time.
7. Make sure the office has current contact numbers to reach you.
8. Use only the recommended locking devices and ask what other precautions you should be taking.
9. Know what safety features are on-site. Ask questions!
10. Pay attention to your surroundings when at your unit. Report any suspicious individuals, vehicles or activity to on-site management. Call the police if you suspect a crime in progress.