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Class 13 – Prevention Psychology (V)

Answering the Door

1. Do you immediately recognize the individual?
2. Are you expecting visitors?
3. If a tradesperson, does this individual fit the image of his/her company?
4. Does he/she have valid ID?
5. If an unexpected visitor, ask for a supervisor's phone number to verify his/her presence. Can he/she give the information immediately?
6. Is this normal business hours?
7. Does the individual appear nervous, or is he/she constantly scanning for witnesses?

Key Security

1. Do not leave hidden keys outside in obvious hiding spots.
2. Never put your name or address on key rings.
3. Always have your keys ready as you approach a door/vehicle.

Vehicle Security

1. Never allow your vehicle to have less than ¼ tank of gasoline.
2. Make sure your car is in good working order.
3. Always keep emergency equipment operational and easily accessible.
4. As minimum, carry a working cell phone and jumper cables.
5. If you have to change a flat, try to do so in a public place (if you have an option).
6. Park in a well-lighted location with lots of people around.
7. Always keep your car doors locked.
8. Never roll down your windows more than two inches when speaking to a stranger.
9. In case of an emergency, never accept a ride if you can help it. If you must, be extremely cautious.