



LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS FOR GARAGE/YARD SALES

- 1. GROUP OR JOINT GARAGE SALES ARE BEST.** This provides for more oversight and observation of activity. Avoid having one by yourself.
- 2. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME** to use the restroom, telephone, get water or “rest” because they are not feeling well.
- 3. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO WANDER** around areas of your property where there are no items for sale or display.
- 4. DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BECOME DISTRACTED.** Be watchful for people who try to monopolize your time and attention. They may have a “partner” with them seeking a theft opportunity.
- 5. BE WATCHFUL OF CASH RECEIVED.** Counterfeit money is sometimes used and you may not recognize it as such. Be aware of what legal currency looks like and check carefully before accepting bills. Use a counterfeit marking pen or detection light. Do not accept checks or credit cards as they could be fraudulent.
- 6. HAVE THE SALE IN A DRIVEWAY OR YARD AREA –** Not your actual garage. Keep your garage door down and secure if possible to avoid prying eyes.
- 7. HAVE A NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND COME OVER WHO CAN SERVE AS AN OBSERVER OF ACTIVITY.** This helps with assisting people and keeping an eye out for suspicious people or problems.
- 8. AVOID HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN ITEMS THAT ARE FOR SALE.** Do not mention other items you own or might sell in the future. Do not answer probing questions about your home, family or habits.

IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY PLEASE BE A GOOD WITNESS AND CALL 3-1-1 FOR A NON-EMERGENCY or 9-1-1 FOR AN EMERGENCY.