

SUN CITY LINCOLN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
SAFETY AND SECURITY  
**ALERTS**



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### INCIDENTS IN LINCOLN HILLS

1. **(Attempted Break-in)** A resident in the **1300 block of Strolling Hills Ln** reports that she was awakened at about **2:00 AM on Saturday, 07/24/21** by three or four loud bangs on the front door. The bangs stopped and the resident's went back to sleep. Later that morning they discovered footprints on the front door and some damage to the door lock. The lock had held and there was no entry made. The police responded and made a report. There are no known suspects at this time.

Note:

When the houses in SCLH were constructed the exterior door locks were installed using standard 1" screws to secure the striker plates. These screws only go into the trim wood. It is recommended that these screws be replaced with 3" screws. The 3" screws will go through the trim wood and into the framing stud. This will make the door lock much more secure. (The house mentioned in the above scenario apparently had been retrofitted with the longer screws)

Neighbors InDeed has an illustrated flyer explaining about the striker plate screws.

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2. **(Scam Attempts)** Here are two of the latest attempted Scams.

**The first goes like this:** The resident receives a very official looking email in which the Scammer advises the resident that their Wells Fargo Account has been frozen. The resident is directed to call a certain number immediately. The resident wisely just deleted the email. Had the resident called the number given in the phony email the scammer would have attempted to elicit personal banking information so that they could have access to the resident's account.

**The second reported scam went like this:** The resident receives a phone call from a very official sounding scammer who tells the resident that there have been several crimes committed and that the resident was named in connection with these crimes. The resident was directed to call a certain number (prefix 775 ) immediately in order to clear up this situation. The resident did not fall for this threatening call and hung up.

Always be wary of any unsolicited phone calls or emails in which there is a **threat or time pressure** is put on you. The best way to handle unsolicited calls is to let your recorder take the call. If you have any questions about any call or email, contact a relative, friend or neighbor and ask for advice.

**The short list regarding scams:**

- 1) Phone: Just Say NO & HANG UP
- 2) Email: Delete
- 3) Online: Look for "https" at the beginning of the address or a padlock next to the address.
- 4) Beware of emails claiming you won a free gift. You can't win sweepstakes that you have not entered.



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