



In recent years, we have seen residents of our Indian community fall prey to a criminal element that has taken advantage of the Diwali celebrations. Specifically, homes of residents in our Indian community in the township have been burglarized by criminals capitalizing on the principles that provide for door to be left unlocked and valuables in sight.

The Bernards Township Police would like to offer some safety reminders to our residents that observe the Diwali Festival:

Stay alert: Keep an eye on the changes in and around your home. Speak with neighbors to be especially vigilant during this time of year. Report suspicious activity to the police immediately by calling 908-766-1122.

Lighting: Make sure you leave lights on outside during the night. This makes it convenient for you to view the movements outside and night and will also keep the burglar away. Also consider leaving lights inside the home on timers.

Avoid an empty and dark home look: You should give your home lived in look. Burglars tend to target empty and dark residences and plan burglaries when there are signs of piled newspapers, filled mail boxes and unclean surroundings. *If you're leaving your home for few days make sure you stop the delivery of the newspapers and mail.* Consider installing motion sensors for outdoor lighting.

As always, we always urge people to keep their doors locked.

The Bernards Township Police wish you and your family a very safe and enjoyable Diwali season this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the police department at 908-766-1122.