



## LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND 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 ALONE.
2. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME TO USE A RESTROOM, TELEPHONE, OR TO REST BECAUSE THEY ARE "NOT FEELING WELL".
3. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO WANDER AROUND AREAS OF YOUR YARD WHERE THERE ARE NOT ITEMS FOR DISPLAY.
4. DO NOT ALLOW YOURSELF TO BECOME DISTRACTED AND NOT BE AWARE OF WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.
5. BE WATCHFUL OF CASH RECEIVED. COUNTERFEIT MONEY IS SOMETIMES USED TO "BUY" ITEMS. BE AWARE OF WHAT REAL CURRENCY LOOKS LIKE AND CHECK CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING. USE A COUNTERFIT MARKING PEN OR DETECTION LIGHT. DO NOT ACCEPT CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS. THEY ARE OFTEN FRAUDULENT.
6. HAVE THE SALE IN A DRIVEWAY OR AREA OTHER THAN YOUR ACTUAL GARAGE. KEEP YOUR GARAGE DOOR DOWN AND YOUR HOME SECURE WHILE THE SALE IS TAKING PLACE.
7. IF POSSIBLE, HAVE A FRIEND COME OVER WHO CAN SERVE AS AN OBSERVER OF ACTIVITY. THIS HELPS ASSIST THOSE WHO ARE SELLING ITEMS, ESPECIALLY DURING BUSY TIMES.
8. AVOID HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE ABOUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN ITEMS THAT ARE FOR SALE. DO NOT MENTION OTHER ITEMS YOU HAVE 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 311 FOR A NON-EMERGENCY AND 911 IF THERE IS A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY. If you have any information on a crime you can remain anonymous by calling **Crime Stoppers 385-5555**

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