



# DALHART POLICE DEPARTMENT

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



## HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM

Whether it is a weekend trip or a month long excursion, the Dalhart Police Department wants to help make your vacation an enjoyable one. One of the first steps is making sure that your home is in order while you are away. Many times, vacationers can really get in a rush and leave their homes wide open to a burglar. Often times, homeowners will leave so fast that they even forget to close and lock the doors.

### Before you leave, here are a few tips to make sure you and your home are ready:

- If you will be leaving home for a long time, stop all mail and newspaper deliveries.
- Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed, pets fed and watered and residence checked by a trusted neighbor or family member.
- A week or so before leaving would be a good time to check locks on doors and windows. If anything needs to be repaired get it done.
- When you leave-secure your home. Check every door and window.
- Leave lights on timers to alternate room to room.
- About a week before you leave, come to the Dalhart Police Department and pick up a house watch form fill it out.
- Make sure you complete all of the information on the house watch form to include a number where you can be reached in case of an emergency or burglary.
- Prior to your departure, bring the completed house watch form to the Dalhart Police Department and turn it into the Clerks on duty. \*Note\* this can be done anytime between 8:00 A.M and 5:00 P.M, Monday through Friday.
- Residences that are a part of the Dalhart Police Department House Watch program **will be checked for a period of 14 days from date of issuance**. If you are going to be gone longer than 14 days, please let us know and we will extend the watch.

We urge all citizens to complete the house watch form prior to coming to the police department. Waiting until the last minute can cause delays in your departure. If you have any questions about the Dalhart Police Department House Watch Program or need help in filling out the House Watch form, please contact the Dalhart Police Department at 806-244-5546 for assistance.