

Storage Unit Safety



How can I protect myself?

Storage units are a popular way to keep personal items for a long or short period of time. However, these locations can provide an opportunity for crime. Be smart when making storage choices and don't assume your items will not be a crime target.

Safety Tips

1. Limit what is stored. One of a kind or irreplaceable items should not be stored.
2. Know what type of insurance is necessary in case of theft or damage.
3. Keep a complete inventory of everything you are storing.
4. Arrange your unit so that valuables are in the back and harder to get to. Pack and label boxes so as to hide the fact that something valuable may be contained within.
5. Photograph the inside of your storage unit and the contents.
6. Check your items frequently. Do not leave them unchecked for long periods of time.
7. Make sure the office has current contact numbers to reach you.
8. Use only the recommended locking devices and ask what other precautions you should be taking.
9. Know what safety features are on-site. Ask questions!
10. Pay attention to your surroundings when at your unit. Report any suspicious individuals, vehicles or activity to on-site management. Call the police if you suspect a crime in progress.

Managers/Owners

Sign up for the Bismarck Police Department's Safe Storage program to receive notifications of police calls and incidents on your properties. Contact 223-1212 for more information.

The Bismarck Police Department wants you to be safe.

This information sheet is for general awareness. It is not inclusive of all risks or considerations

For more information on storage unit safety please call the Bismarck Police Department Crime Prevention section at 223-1212 or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bismarckpolice