



# **BLUE STAR**

**(Multi Housing Program)**



## **Theft Prevention Tips**

Summer is a time for care-free fun and relaxation for many, but apartments and their residents should keep their guards up. Personal theft rises by 10 percent in the summer months, particularly in July and August.

### **HOME**

1. Always keep windows, doors and sliding doors locked.
2. Remove spare keys from their usual "hiding place." Instead, keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor or friend.
3. Add reinforcements to windows and doors with a fitted steel or wood rod.
4. Remove cash, jewelry and other valuables from the master bedroom – the first place thieves tend to look for valuables. Place valuables in a safety deposit box.
5. Place a home security sign in a window – even if you do not have a security system.
6. Make an inventory list of your belongings, include photos or videos. Store the list in a safe place.
7. Tell a trusted neighbor when you are away – so they can be on the look-out for suspicious activity.
8. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries when away.
9. Leave a light on – place timers on indoor lamps to light your home at night, set timers to turn on radios and television randomly during the day.
10. Do not post on social media that you are out of town or away on vacation.

### **CAR**

1. Park vehicles in a secure, well-lit area.
2. Always lock vehicles and keep windows closed.
3. Do not leave belongings out to be seen.; place them in the trunk.
4. Never leave your keys in the car or the vehicle running when you are not in it.

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# BLUE STAR SPOTLIGHT SECTION

## HISTORY OF BLUE STAR

The Blue Star Program began as a pilot program, implemented on October 20, 1999 under the leadership of Chief C.O. Bradford.

The program is designed to be a cooperative effort between apartment managers, owners, apartment residents and law enforcement, to abate crime and to enhance the quality of life for citizens living within multi family communities.

The first manager training class was held on November 02, 2005 for eleven apartment property managers. The managers selected for participation were in the areas of Westside, Southwest, Northwest, and Fondren.

The program was suspended in 2004 due to man power shortage, but was revitalized in November 2005.

As of today the Blue Star Program has provided training to 2333 people, and held 65 training sessions.

**The total number of Blue Star Certified Properties are 131.**

**The breakdown of Blue Star properties in the City of Houston are:**

11 North	6 Central
17 Northwest	6 South Central
50 Westside	2 Eastside
3 Southwest	6 Southeast
14 Midwest	3 Clear Lake
9 South Gessner	4 Northeast

# New Blue Star Certified Properties



**The Abbey at Memorial**

801 Country Place Drive--Houston, Texas 77079

Manager : Teresa Cain



**The Abbey at Willowbrook**

8330 Willow Place Drive S.-Houston, Texas 77077

Manager: Angela Bolanos



**The Abbey at Enclave**

1910 Westmead—Houston, Texas 77077

Manager : Dianne Sparks



**Dover Place**

1910 Westmead—Houston, Texas 77087

Manager : Diana Hernandez



**Villa Barcelona**

7222 Bellerive—Houston, Texas 77036

Manager : Bijal Shah



**Victoria Park**

8600 South Course—Houston, Texas 77099

Manager : Christy Cruz

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## URGENT



**Please inform Officer Clark, Ferguson, or Terry once you are no longer managing a Blue Star property.**

**We are not being informed when a manager leaves a property. The transition will be smoother if we are made aware and can get the new manager trained.**

## REMEDIAL

The Apartment Enforcement Unit has started the process of running crime on apartment properties in the City of Houston. The run is conducted every 2 years to measure crime on apartment properties. If properties are determined to have high crime they may be placed on the Remedial List.

### **CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES,**

The City of Houston Council Members passed an ordinance on November 8, 2006. This ordinance was established to reduce or abate criminal activity in apartment communities in order to promote the health, safety, and welfare of apartment residents.

1. Enforces ordinance requirements of apartment communities that have excessive levels of criminal activity on their property.
2. Holds meetings with remedial action identified properties.
3. Drafts Remedial Action Plan- a written plan issued by the police to the owner specifying and requiring the implementation of remedial measures.
4. Remedial Inspection- an inspection that is done by officers to determine whether the remedial measures specified in the remedial action plan have been implemented.
5. Enforces & Monitors the Remedial Plan