

KEEP YOUR COOL !!

**HELPFUL TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR
COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL CENTRAL
AIR CONDITIONING UNIT**



Take care to secure your A/C unit's power disconnect box. If thieves can not turn off the power, it might be the deterrent needed to stop a senseless copper coil theft. An inexpensive padlock will be sufficient to secure this box.



Additional lighting near your A/C unit can also be an effective deterrent to theft or vandalism.

Inexpensive motion lights or dusk- to- dawn styled devices can be installed for nominal costs by most home repair or contractor services. Additionally, some lighting can be easily installed by the home owner or a resourceful Do-It-Yourselfer



The hex head screws commonly found in the top of your A/C unit's cover can be replaced with a One-Way or Tamper Resistant screw. Most A/C units have about 6 to 8 screws holding the top cover on and the few dollars these replacement screws may cost would be money well spent to deter copper coil thefts or vandalism to your A/C unit.



Unsecured crawl spaces or basement doors are often overlooked by the homeowner. Even though these access points may not connect directly to your living space, these areas offer thieves a quiet and secluded location to remove your home's copper piping, leaving you without water, heating or cooling.



The sky is the limit when it comes to new security devices on the market. Simple personal alarm devices can be modified as break-away audible alarms, and then installed inside your A/C unit's top cover. A check with your A/C service technician, local alarm company, or the internet may also provide additional alarm systems that are tailored to your specific needs.



For those of you who are true Do-It-Yourselfers, a quick disconnect of the power and the neat removal of the A/C unit's top will provide you with a bird's eye view of the insides. A brightly colored spray paint can then be applied to the coils depicting an address or a set of initials. Please remember Safety First. If you are unsure of your skills, then leave this task to a professional.

An extreme measure could include enclosing your A/C unit in a security fence. Local metal fabrication shops can be called upon to provide site inspections or estimates, should you not wish to tackle this one yourself.



While the tips presented in this flyer will not completely stop a potential thief or vandal, it is our hope that by taking a few moments to pay attention to the small details, you and your family will likely not become a victim.



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