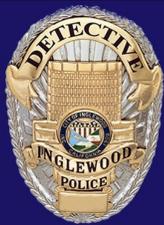


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INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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GYM LOCKER BREAK-INS

Recently, gym goers have been the target of locker break-ins. Suspects will cut the locks on lockers in order to gain entry and take the items inside of the locker. In some cases, the suspects will use the cards in the victim's wallet and commit credit card fraud. 81% of the break-ins within the last 6 months have been in female locker rooms, while the remaining 19% have been in male locker rooms.

Ways to protect yourself from a locker break-in:

- **Leave your valuables at home**
Take only what you will absolutely need at the gym and leave the rest at home. If you don't take them with you, they can't be stolen.
- **Choose a locker in a visible area**
Based on its design, the locker room may have some areas that are more prone to criminal activity. The back corners, for example, could provide ample coverage for a suspect to feel concealed enough to attempt breaking into a locker. Choose a locker that is in the open and next to other lockers in use.
- **Keep your car keys with you**
Many times, suspects will take the car keys in the locker and continue the crime in the parking lot. Your car and everything in it can also be targeted.

If you see any suspicious activity inside of a locker room, do not confront the suspect - call the police immediately. You can also notify a gym employee at the front desk.

If anyone has any information concerning these crimes, please contact the Inglewood Police Department at (310) 412-5240 or the 24-hour anonymous hotline, "888-41-CRIME (888-412-7463).



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