YORK COUNTY REGIONAL POLICE "In the Know" 2026

Recent Crime Increases to Be Aware of in 2026

SCAMS & FRAUDS: The new year doesn't necessarily bring about a shift in scam tactics. In fact, over the years, many scams have slowly evolved as scammers incorporate new technology and play off of the most recent major events. Scammers almost always have the same goal—to get your personal information or money. Learning about the latest developments will hopefully help you stay one step ahead. The latest scams to watch out for in 2026 include AI-powered scams, imposter scams and investment scams.

Scammers often use new technology, such as AI, to enhance tried-and-true scams.

1. Bank Employee Impersonator
2. Government Agent Impersonator
3. Fake Security Alerts
4. Fictitious Winnings
5. Bogus Threats

VEHICLE BREAK-INS: A car thief can break into your car and be out in about 30 seconds, fast enough that an alarm doesn't scare most of them away. Here are some precautions to take to prevent you from being a victim:

➢ Roll up your windows and lock your vehicle doors. Most thieves refrain from breaking windows to avoid attracting attention.

➢ Keep your vehicle tidy and conceal all electronics, accessories, money and valuables - Preferably in the trunk area. Out of sight and they move on.

➢ Park in a well-lit area as they cannot easily remain undetected. Thieves typically wear dark colored clothing to blend into their surroundings.

ELECTRONIC STORAGE DEVICE CRIMES:

With advancement in electronics and their capabilities, criminals often commit crimes through Electronic Storage Devices (ESD). This is accomplished by downloading/uploading, saving, sending and/or receiving illegal images, documentation & messages.

- ✓ **Laptops**
- ✓ **Cell Phones**
- ✓ **Air Tags**
- ✓ **SD Cards**
- ✓ **USB Drives**
- ✓ **Tablets**
- ✓ **iPads**
- ✓ **Other Electronics**

"Tango" (YCRPD ESD K-9) was deployed 22 times in 2025. Out of those cases, approximately 18 resulted in an arrest throughout (4) counties in Pennsylvania.

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