

Burglary Prevention Tips

Windows & Doors

- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if you are going out for just a short time, make sure you lock up.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked. Do not rely on an automatic garage door opener to provide security. Also, make sure to lock any connecting door between the garage and your home.
- Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. In addition to keeping them locked, place a metal rod or wooden pole into the track to prevent burglars from forcing it open or lifting it off the track. Special locks are also available to provide better security.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.

Lighting

- Absence of interior lighting indicates a home is unoccupied.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Have adequate exterior lighting, including motion-sensitive lights that alert you when someone has come on your property.
- Make sure there is good lighting around your front door and along any walkway or hallway leading to it.

General Tips

- Setting your alarm. Many times, burglary victims have alarms that were not set. Regardless of the short time you plan on leaving your house, SET YOUR ALARM!
 - Have your alarm system serviced as per your monitoring company's recommendations. A regularly serviced alarm system will prevent false alarms, and ensure your home is protected in a power outage.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take all items away daily.
- Make it appear that you are never away for an extended period of time; arrange for your lawn to be mowed, snow removed, etc., if you are going away for an extended time,
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.

Partnering with the Police

- The **MOST** important thing **YOU** can do is **CALL THE POLICE** to report a **CRIME** or any **SUSPICIOUS** activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember you can always remain a pair of anonymous eyes!
- **Light** up your residence, **lock** your doors at all times, and call the **Police** when you see something suspicious.

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Emergency call 911