

Burglary Prevention

General Security Measures

- Make sure locks on doors and windows are strong and secure - Then Use Them!
- Use high quality locks
 - Deadbolt locks should have a 1-inch throw bolt
 - Knob-in-lock sets should have an integrated dead bolt mechanism
 - Doors with glass panels should be fitted with key-turn deadbolts to prevent burglars from unlocking the door through a broken window
 - The strike plate should be attached to the doorframe with three inch screws
- Exterior and interior doors that lead from the basement or garage should be constructed of solid wood or metal and should always be locked
- Install a monitored burglar alarm system which feature components that fit your lifestyle and household needs, such as interior motion sensors that are not activated by pets
- A well-illuminated home is less of a target
 - Programmable timing devices and motion-activated sensors, can be used to turn on interior and exterior lights at varying times of the day
- Obscured doors and windows are targets for forcible entry
 - Trim shrubs and trees so they do not obstruct these areas
- Store your more precious items in a bank safe or vault which is permanently fastened
- If you have a dog or an alarm system, put up signs that say you do, as they deter thieves
- Use caution with social media sites
 - Use security settings so posts & photos from only reach your intended audience

While You Are Away

- Lock all doors and windows
- Do not leave any keys hidden outside the home
- Lock vehicles that remain at your home and if possible, keep a car in the driveway
- Arrange for a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and parcels
- Arrange to have someone check your house periodically, or alert the police you will be away

Finally, if you see or hear something or someone that doesn't seem right, call the police. If you discover your home has been burglarized, call the police right away and for your safety, leave the home until the police arrive.

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