

HOME BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

LOCK UP

Lock all outside doors, windows, garages, sheds and/or pet doors, even if you will only be gone for a short time. Install deadbolts on all outside doors. Install specialty locks for sliding glass doors and/or place wooden dowels in window tracks for added security.

MAKE THE HOUSE LOOK OCCUPIED

Leave lights and a television or radio on if possible. If you are away for an extended time, make arrangements to have mail, packages and newspapers collected, your lawn cared for and notify the police department for extra patrols.

LIGHTING

Keep your house well-lit, particularly around entrances. Add extra lighting with motion detectors around entrances and dark corners of your home.

SECURITY SYSTEM

If possible, consider getting a security system. There are many varieties currently on the market. If you have a system in place, always keep it activated.

VIDEO DOORBELLS

If you have a video doorbell, be sure to respond when someone comes to your door, whether or not you're home. Burglars often check to see if anyone is home before breaking in.

INVENTORY

Photograph your valuables in their locations around your home and make a list of the make, model and serial numbers. Photograph important documents and keep them in a safe deposit box or with a relative.

IF YOU SUSPECT AN INTRUDER IS IN YOUR HOME, DO NOT ENTER.

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!

ADDITIONAL TIPS

Get to know your neighbors. Do not keep spare keys outside. Keep safes bolted down. Shred documents before throwing them out and breakdown packaging of newly purchased valuables before disposing of them.

