



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Residential Burglary Prevention Tips

Physical security constitutes 90 percent of burglary prevention. If your building is locked and unauthorized entry is made difficult, time consuming and conspicuous, the chances of a successful burglary are minimized.

- Remember to Lock Doors on house, cars, and storage buildings-
- Locks on all outside entrances and inside security doors should be double-cylinder deadbolts with movable collars.
- Locks should be recessed into the door and should have at least a one-inch throw containing a hardened steel insert protected by a latch guard.
- Padlocks should be made of hardened steel and mounted on bolted hasps. Keep them locked to prevent exchange. File off serial numbers to prevent new keys being made.
- Have someone pickup mail and newspapers while out of town to give the house that "at home look".
- Let neighbors and police know when going out of town. House checks can be completed by police. Call 252-482-5144 for more information on house checks.
- Install timers for lights to make it look as if someone is home.
- Entry doors should be of solid construction, metal-lined, and secured with heavy metal crossbars.
- Door jams must be solid. Exposed hinges should be pinned to prevent removal.
- Windows should have secure locks and can be pinned with nails to prevent opening.
- Lights are a great deterrent and should provide optimum visibility inside and out, with vandal-proof covers over the outside lights and power source.
- The perimeter must be well-lit, especially around all entry points.
- Bushes should be trimmed to avoid a person from hiding behind them.
- Alarm systems should be supplied by a licensed alarm company with a central monitoring station. Check the system on a daily basis. Advertise its presence to deter break-ins.
- Maintain good visibility. Landscaping, boxes, and trash bins near the building can give a criminal cover or access to the roof.
- Your partial NCDL or last 4 digits of your Social Security number should be engraved on enticing objects.
- Keep accurate records of serial numbers on all items to help in recovery.



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For Emergencies call 911, Suspicious activity call 482-4444