

- If you hear a noise that sounds like someone breaking in or moving around, quietly call the police and wait calmly until they arrive. If you can leave safely, do so. Otherwise, lock yourself in a room, or, if the intruder enters the room you are in, pretend to be asleep.
- Think carefully before buying a firearm for protection. Guns can be stolen and sold to anyone, or even used on you and the police. If you do own a gun, keep it in a safe place and always out of the reach of children. Before buying a gun or firearm, learn how to use it and make sure that you are proficient in its operation.

## LOOK BEYOND LOCKS AND ALARMS

- Join or help start a Neighborhood Watch group. If one doesn't exist, ask you police or sheriff's department to help you start one.
- Look around for things that could contribute to crime. Examples are poor street lighting, abandoned cars, vacant lots, littered playgrounds with broken equipment, homes that elderly people have trouble maintaining. Help organize a neighborhood clean-up fix it day.
- Keep written records of all furniture, jewelry and other items such as electronic products. If possible, keep all of these records in a safe deposit box, fire proof safe or other secure place. Take pictures or a video, and keep purchase information and serial numbers if available. These tips help law enforcement agencies track recovered items and to make sure that YOU get your property back.
- And finally, if your neighbors are ever victims, help them out. Offer sympathy and support; help with meals, repairs, or in other ways. Remember, you could be a victim and I know you would want someone to HELP you....

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If you have any questions or comments about "How can I make my home safer", please contact us at **770-646-0516**.



  
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If your locked out of your home, can you still get in?...through an unlocked window in the back, or using an extra key hidden under a flowerpot or up on a ledge?

If you can break in, so can a burglar! A small investment of time and money can make your home more secure and can reduce your chances of being a victim of burglary, assault, or vandalism.

Get to know your neighbors. Watchful neighbors who look out for you, as well as themselves, are a front line defense against crime. In almost half of all residential burglaries, thieves enter through an unlocked door or unlocked window.

## CHECK THE LOCKS

- Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock with a minimum of 1 1/2" bolt.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks or with a broomstick or wooden dowel in the track to jam the door, in case someone tries to pry it open. Insert a pin in a hole drilled in the sliding door frame that goes through to the fixed frame to prevent anyone from lifting the door off its track.
- Secure double-hung windows by using key locks or by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in tip corners of the inside sash and partway through the outside sash. Secure basement windows too. The hole should be large enough that the nail or bolt slides in and out freely, in case you have to open the window fast in an emergency.
- Don't hide keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Give an extra key to a neighbor you trust.



• **If you've just moved into a new house or apartment, have the locks changed.**

## CHECK THE DOORS

Locks aren't effective if they're on flimsy doors.

- Make sure all exterior doors are metal or solid, 1 3/4 hardwood.
- Doors should fit tightly in their frames, with hinge pins on the inside of the door.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors, so you can see who is outside without opening the door. Door chains are not security devices—they break easily and won't keep out an intruder.

## CHECK OUTSIDE THE HOUSE

To discourage burglars from selecting your home as their target or opportunity, make sure to do the following:

- Trim shrubbery that hides doors or windows. Cut tree limbs that could help a thief climb into windows.
- Turn on outside lights after dark to illuminate porches, entrances and yards-front & back. Consider timers that turn on outside lights, or install motion detectors.
- Keep your yard well maintained. Store ladders and tools inside your locked garage, basement, or storage shed when you're not using them.
- Clearly display your house number, so police and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.
- Keep up the appearance of the neighborhood. Broken street lights, abandoned cars, vacant buildings, graffiti, litter and run down areas attract crime. Work with the local government and your neighbors to organize community clean up days.
- Put lights and a radio on timers to create the illusion that someone is at home when you go away. Leave shades, blinds and curtains in normal positions. Stop the mail

and newspapers, or ask a neighbor to take them in.

- Update your home inventory, listing easy to sale items like VCR's, stereos, cameras and computers. Take photos or make videos of items, list descriptions and serial numbers. Engrave your valuables! If your home is burglarized, this can help identify stolen items & make insurance claims easier to file.

## WHAT ABOUT ALARMS?

If you have valuables in your home, or if you live in an isolated area or a neighborhood vulnerable to break-ins, consider an alarm system.

Before you invest in alarms:

- Check with several companies and decide what level of security fits your needs. Sources of information include your local Police or Sheriff's department, public library, and the Better Business Bureau.
- Look for an established company and check its references before using them.
- Learn how to use your system properly. If you continually set off false alarms, your neighbors will ignore the noise, and you could even be fined by your local law enforcement agencies.

## BURGLARS CAN TAKE MORE THAN YOUR PROPERTY!

Burglars generally don't want to run into their victims. But if they're surprised by someone coming home, or if they pick an occupied home, someone may get hurt.

Consider the following:

- If you see a screen that has been cut, a broken window, or a door that's been damaged or left open, don't go in. Call the POLICE from a cell phone or go to a neighbor's house or use a public phone.