



SAFETY TIPS - BURGLARY PREVENTION

Home security is an important aspect of crime prevention. Burglaries frequently occur during weekdays when residents are away at work or school. Every home can be a target. But there are several steps you can take to reduce your chances of becoming victimized.

IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT!

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 303-795-4711

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Turn on porch lights at night. Lighting is an inexpensive form of security.
- Do not hide house keys in obvious places. Don't hide them outside at all!
- Remember the 2 foot, 6 foot rule: Trim bushes to a height of 2 feet off the ground, and tree limbs to a height of 6 feet off the ground to minimize areas where a burglar could hide.
- Be aware of barking dogs, as they may alert you to intruders.

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INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Always lock doors and windows, even those on the 2nd floor.
- Install - and use - a security system.
- Make sure your garage door is closed and the interior door is secured, even when you are home.
- Do not leave valuables in open view from of the street.
- Use timers on lamps, radios and televisions. They can provide the impression that someone is home, especially when you are on vacation or out of town.
- Keep a list and photos of valuables such as jewelry and electronics (make/model/serial number). That can help police identify and return your items if they're stolen. Keep the list in a secure location.

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ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Be alert for suspicious activity and report it immediately.
- Suspicious is something that is out of the ordinary for your area or the time of day.
- Look for suspicious 'behavior', not suspicious 'people'.
- NEVER assume someone else has already reported the behavior.
- Talk to your community about starting a Neighborhood Watch program, and get to know your neighbors.