

BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SLOW DOWN THE CRIMINAL

FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE (CRIMINAL IS DRIVING/ WALKING BY HOMES LOOKING FOR A GOOD TARGET)

1. KEEP A CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY OR FILL THE SPACE (IE. PLANTERS)
2. IF YOU HAVE YOUR GARAGE DOOR OPENER IN YOUR CAR, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOME WHEN YOUR CAR IS PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OR ON THE STREET (AN EASY WAY TO GET IN YOUR HOME VIA THE GARAGE DOOR)
3. COVER YOUR GARAGE WINDOW SO A BURGLAR CANNOT DETERMINE IF YOUR CAR IS IN THE GARAGE OR NOT (IE. ARE YOU HOME OR NOT)
4. CONSIDER A FENCE THAT YOU CAN SEE THROUGH
5. CUT SHRUBBERY TO A LOW LEVEL(ESPECIALLY AROUND WINDOWS AND DOORS)
6. GET A LOCKING MAILBOX(STOPS MAIL THEFT BUT MAKES IT HARDER FOR BURGLAR TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE NOT HOME)
7. PICK UP NEWSPAPER-ASAP
8. RETURN GARBAGE BINS/RECYCLE BINS- ASAP
9. LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAVE IN THE YARD THAT COULD BE USED AS A LADDER (IE. RECYCLE BINS)
10. ALARM YARD SIGN (EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ALARM)(FRONT AND BACK)
11. SIREN OUTSIDE, IN EASILY SEEN AREA (EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ALARM)
12. EXTERIOR/ INTERIOR LIGHT (CONSIDER A MOTION SENSOR LIGHT OR A LIGHT WITH A DUSK TO DAWN FEATURE)
13. LOCK YOUR LADDER AND HAVE YOUR NEIGHBORS DO THE SAME (IT CAN BE USED FOR A SECOND STORY ENTRANCE)
14. MAKE SURE YOUR LOCKS HAVE BEEN RE KEYED PRIOR TO MOVING IN TO A NEW HOME.
15. IF YOU HAVE AN OLDER GARGAGE DOOR OPENER MAKE SURE YOU CHANGE THE PIN CODE. IF YOU HAVE A NEWER GARAGE DOOR OPENER MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETELY CANCEL OUT THE OLD REMOTES AND THEN RE-PROGRAM THE GARAGE DOOR OPENER WITH THE REMOTES YOU WANT.

SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE (THE CRIMINAL HAS CHOSEN YOUR HOME AND IS EXAMINING WHERE TO ENTER)

1. ALARM WITH VERY LOUD SIREN AND STROBE
2. ALARM STICKERS ON WINDOWS
3. USE YOUR LOCKS: WINDOWS, DEAD BOLT (USE A QUALITY DEADBOLT)
4. REMEMBER THAT A FENCE IS NICE FOR PRIVACY BUT IS ALSO NICE FOR A BURGLAR
5. SECURITY FILM ON LOWER WINDOWS, SLIDING GLASS DOOR, FRENCH DOOR, OR ANY AREA THAT MAYBE VULNERABLE. CHECK YOUTUBE FOR “SECURITY WINDOW FILM”
6. CONSIDER A BELL ON YOUR FENCE GATE OR LOCK IT
7. LARGE STRIKE PLATE WITH LOTS OF LONG SCREWS (BIGGER THE BETTER)
8. DOOR REINFORCER
9. CONSIDER LARGE CRUSHED GRAVEL AS A MULCH IN STRATEGIC AREAS(MAKES NOISE)
10. VIDEO SYSTEM
11. DOGGIE DOOR- POSSIBLE ENTRY POINT

THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE (THE CRIMINAL HAS ENTERED)

1. MARK YOUR PROPERTY
2. LOCK THE DOOR BETWEEN THE GARAGE AND YOUR LIVING SPACE
3. **KEEP SERIAL NUMBERS OF PROPERTY IN A SECURE AREA**
4. VALUABLES GO TO THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX
5. DO NOT STORE YOUR JEWELRY IN THE MASTER BEDROOM. KEEP VALUABLES IN A CREATIVE AREA. MAKE SURE YOU KEEP A RECORD OF LOCATIONS AND PUT THIS RECORD IN A SAFE OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX, **BE CREATIVE**
6. **KEEP A PHOTO OR VIDEO LOG OF YOUR PROPERTY ESPECIALLY JEWELRY OR ODD ITEMS**
7. UNDERSTAND YOUR INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGES
8. LOCK YOUR GUNS/ RIFLES
9. LOCK UP SSN CARDS, PASSPORTS, AND ANY OTHER IMPORTANT PERSONAL DOCUMENTS
10. VERY LOUD INTERIOR SIREN
11. SHRED PAPER WORK WITH ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION
12. CONSIDER A BLOCKWATCH
13. SAFES- IT DEPENDS, **HEAVY!!** HOW IS IT SECURED?

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