



BURGLARY PREVENTION

The majority of home and apartment burglaries occur during the daytime when most people are away at work or school. Prime burglary hours are from 8am - 11am and then 1pm - 3pm.

- Lighting is a valuable crime deterrent. Ensure your home parameter is well lit.
- Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points.
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, deadbolt lock with a 1 inch throw in addition to the regular knob lock.
- Use a heavy-duty, 4 screw strike plate with 3 inch screws.
- Use a wide-angle 180 degree peephole/eye viewer.
- Use a secondary locking device on all sliding glass doors.
- Use anti-lift devices such as door pins or screws in the upper track.
- Secure all accessible windows with secondary locking devices (thumb screws)
- Block windows to only allow 6 inches in the open position.
- Alarm systems are effective deterrents, use visible signage. Keep the system programmed and maintained.
- Alarm systems need to have an audible horn/bell to be more effective.
- Identify your valuables by engraving with an identification number (i.e. drivers license #)
- Photograph and record the serial numbers of all valuables.
- Photocopy the contents of your wallet and other documents.
- Get to know your adjacent neighbors. Agree to watch out for each other's home.
- While on vacation have the mail stopped or picked up by a neighbor.
- Report suspicious persons or vehicles to the police immediately.