

Home Burglary Prevention Tips

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11 steps to keep burglaries from happening to you.

- Exterior doors should have a dead-bolt lock with a minimum one-inch throw. Always lock the dead-bolt when closing the door.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowel or broom handle in the door track. Don't depend solely on the lock in the sliding glass door.
- Make sure your windows are locked, especially those at ground level. Lock double-hung windows by placing a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a slight downward angle in a top corner of the inside sash and partway into the outside sash.
- Turn on lights for all porches, entrances, and outside areas. You can use sensor lights that are activated by motion or darkness.
- Trim any bushes or trees that hide doors, windows or entry ways.
- Do not leave ladders or tools outside when you're not using them.
- Don't hide your keys under the doormat or in a flowerpot. Have a trusted neighbor keep an extra key.
- Consider installing an alarm system and place signage indicating it. Keep the alarm system working properly and armed.
- If you park your car outside of your garage, don't leave the garage door opener in the car.
- Keep a record of your property in a safe place. Record serial numbers, make and model of manufactured goods. Record a description and any distinguishing inscriptions on valuables such as jewelry.
- Report any suspicious persons or vehicles to the police.

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To report a crime, please call 911 for emergencies
or 770-513-5700 for non-emergencies.