

PREVENTING HOME BURGLARIES

1. Lock your doors, garage doors, back doors, screen door, keep everything locked up and uninventing. Thieves are lazy, they take the path of least resistance
2. Lights, keep all port lights on at night, thieves don't like light and a well-lit home is a protected home. Motion activated lights work really well. Encourage your neighbors to turn on their porch lights. The extra cost in electricity is minimal compared to the violation of a thief breaking into your home
3. Alarm system-use it-they are effective and can mitigate your loss of property because the thief knows the good guys are on their way. Try to have an outside speaker so your neighbors will also hear the alarm.
4. Video surveillance cameras are also very effective when utilized. If you cannot afford one of these you can purchase dummy domed cameras and they usually run 10-20 dollars each.
5. Deadbolt security strike plates-very effective in strengthening the door and door jam. The more noise a thief makes increases the likelihood he will be caught. Again thieves are lazy and their number 1 rule is not to get caught
6. Keep blinds closed when not at home and during daytime hours.
7. Trim back shrubs from windows or doors that can be used as concealment areas during the break in phase
8. Know your neighbors-be a nosy neighbor-know the ones that live all around you across the street and behind you. Look out for one another!
9. Report suspicious activity by calling 911-again call 911 first so we can get a unit started- we love catching the bad guys and we need your help
10. Record all serial numbers, i.e., guns, TV's, laptop computers, license plate on your cars and vins. Don't keep title of your car in the glove box.
11. Have a plan - mental rehearsal. Don't confront offender. Leave the premise and call 911. If armed you have the right to defend yourself and your property.

PREVENTING AUTOMOBILE BURGLARIES

1. Lock your doors
2. Set alarm system
3. Don't leave any possessions in the car – Not even an empty bag!
4. Park car in garage if possible
5. Video surveillance cameras
6. Call 911 when you see any suspicious activity
7. Look out for your neighbors-Be that nosy neighbor-They are the ones that help keep your neighborhood safe and secure!