

THEFT PREVENTION

Project the appearance of the home being occupied at all times.

Install automatic timers to switch lights and / or radios on when away from home.

Do not leave a spare house key concealed near the door. Do not label a spare house key.

Do not leave ground or first floor windows open. Do not leave ladders that could grant second or third floor access outside.

If on vacation, ask a neighbor to collect mail and newspapers daily. Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway. Additionally, if leaving during the winter months, ask a neighbor to clear the driveway and all walkways of snow and ice.

Do not amend an answering machine recording to inform callers you are on vacation. Always state you are temporarily unavailable and leave no indication you may be gone for an extended period of time.

Burglary Prevention



Install motion detector lights that illuminate all entrances to the home, including windows.

Windows closest to the door should be fitted with impact-resistant glass to prevent a burglar breaking the glass to reach in, unlock the door, and gain entry into the home.

Install a heavy duty, knob in lock set with a dead latch mechanism on all doors. The dead latch mechanism prevents intruders from gaining access to the premises by using a credit card to slip the lock. Always lock doors when leaving the residence, if only for a few minutes to run errands.

Garage and porch doors should always be kept closed and locked.

Install a secondary blocking device on sliding glass doors and all windows.

Install solid doors with strong doorframes that cannot be spread apart.

A central station burglary alarm is the most efficient way of protecting the home from intruders.

Alarm systems need to be properly installed, programmed, and maintained by a certifiable alarm company. Alarm systems must be equipped with a loud siren that will activate upon entry.

Home safes are an effective way to store personal documents and property. Safes must be anchored into the flooring or permanent shelving.

Engrave your driver's license number onto portable valuables that would be easy for an intruder to remove from the home, such as TVs, stereos, and computers. Make a list of all marked valuables and their serial numbers, if applicable.