

Home Safety Tips

Be a Good Neighbor

- Participate in the Neighborhood Block Club Program
- Get to know all your adjacent neighbors
- Agree to watch out for each other's home
- While on vacation, pick up newspapers, and flyers
- Offer to park your car in their driveway
- Return the favor and communicate often

Doors and Locks

- Use a solid core or metal door for all entrance points
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, deadbolt lock with a one-inch throw bolt
- Use a quality, heavy-duty, knob-in-lock set with a dead-latch mechanism

Sliding-Glass Patio Doors

- Use a secondary blocking device on all sliding glass doors
- Keep the latch mechanism in good condition and properly adjusted
- Keep sliding door rollers in good condition and properly adjusted
- Use anti-lift devices such as through-the-door pins or upper track screws
- Use highly visible alarm decals, beware of dog decals or block watch decal

Windows

- Secure all accessible windows with secondary blocking devices
- Make sure someone cannot reach through an open window and unlock the door
- Make sure someone cannot reach inside the window and remove the blocking device
- Use anti-lift devices to prevent window from being lifted out
- Use crime prevention or alarm decals on ground accessible windows

Lighting

- Use interior light timers to establish a pattern of occupancy
- Exterior lighting should allow 100 foot visibility
- Use good lighting along the pathway and at your door
- Use light timers or photo-cells to turn on/off lights automatically
- Use infra-red motion sensor lights on the rear of single family homes

Alarm Systems

- Alarm systems are effective deterrents with visible signage
- Alarm systems to be properly installed, programmed, and maintained
- Alarm systems need to have an audible horn or bell to be effective
- Make sure your alarm response call list is up to date
- Instruct your neighbor how to respond to an alarm bell

Home Safes

- Use the safe everyday so it becomes routine
- Protect the safe code and change it occasionally
- Install it away from the master bedroom or closet

Operation Identification

- Identify your valuables by engraving your drivers' license number
- Photograph and record the serial numbers of all valuables
- Store the copies in a safe deposit box or with a relative