

**MOST RESIDENTIAL
BURGLARIES OCCUR
WHEN DOORS OR
WINDOWS ARE LEFT
UNLOCKED.**

**PLEASE, TAKE THE
TIME TO CHECK AND
LOCK YOUR DOORS.**

CAUTION: POLICE LINE · DO NOT CROSS

**OTHER TIPS ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE
WEBSITE BELOW.**

**AN OUNCE OF
PREVENTION..**

Vacation Checklist

In addition to our other suggestions, please consider the following before you go on vacation.

DOORS and WINDOWS

- Inspect locks and deadbolts for wear or damage.
- Secure sliding glass doors and sliding windows with a dowel or bar.

LIGHTING

- Have several lights on timers that are set to come on in different rooms at different times.

- Replace burned out light bulbs.

- Consider installing motion-sensing lights.

OUTSIDE

- Complete yard work before you leave.
- Trim trees and bushes to eliminate hiding places.
- Put ladders and tools away.

KEYS

- Provide a spare key to a trusted family member or friend.

- Remove any keys you have hidden outside.

SERVICES

- Suspend newspaper delivery.
- Have your mail held at the Post Office.

MAKE YOUR HOME APPEAR OCCUPIED..

- Have someone you know park in your driveway.
- Have a friend regularly check your home for debris and other clues that you aren't home.
- Arrange to have your trash put out and brought in.
- Avoid leaving notes or phone messages announcing that you are gone.
- Never announce your vacation plans on social media.

**Crime
Prevention
Awareness**



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Personal Safety

Always walk with authority, displaying an air of confidence and purpose of destination.

Always be aware of your surroundings.

AVOID

- ◆ Walking alone, if possible.
- ◆ Listening to loud music while wearing headphones or earbuds.
- ◆ Heavily overgrown areas (trees, weeds, shrubbery, et cetera).
- ◆ Alleys and less traveled side streets.
- ◆ Dark doorways, hallways, and parking lots.
- ◆ Deserted parks, warehouse and industrial areas.

WHEN APPROACHING YOUR CAR

- ◆ Have your keys ready *before* approaching your car.
- ◆ Look inside before getting in, checking the front and rear seat areas for an intruder.

WHILE DRIVING

- ◆ Lock doors immediately upon entering - *even before placing your key in ignition.*

- ◆ Keep all doors locked.
- ◆ Keep windows rolled up, if possible.
- ◆ Never pick up hitchhikers.
- ◆ If you choose to stop to render assistance in an emergency, be wary and use caution.
- ◆ When giving your car keys to parking lot or carwash attendants - *always keep your house keys.*



Avoiding Theft from Your Vehicle

ALWAYS


- ◆ Lock your car doors and windows at all times.
- ◆ Park in busy, well-lit areas.
- ◆ Remove your valuables - **especially firearms** - from your vehicle.
- ◆ If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside.
- ◆ **Lock your car** - even when *it's in your garage.*

NEVER

- ◆ Leave your car running unattended.
- ◆ Leave your house or car keys in your car.
- ◆ Leave anything of value in plain view - *always* lock valuables out of sight in the trunk.
- ◆ *Leave a firearm in your vehicle, **especially overnight.***




**LOCK IT
OR LOSE IT!**



**REMEMBER TO
SECURE YOUR VEHICLE
AND
HIDE ALL VALUABLES**

A Public Service Message From the
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Most of the residential burglaries that occur in the United States each year are committed without force when criminals enter through unlocked doors and windows.

- ◆ Use strong, quality locks for all of the doors of your home: garage, basement, patio, storage area, or guesthouse.
 - ◆ Use metal or solid wood doors.
 - ◆ Use deadbolts with at least a 1-inch throw on all exterior doors.
 - ◆ Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer on all entry doors.
 - ◆ Even if you're going to be gone for "just a minute," **always secure your home.**
 - ◆ Secure the access to side and rear yards.
 - ◆ Make landscaping work for you - trim trees and bushes so that neighbors and the police can see your doors and windows.
 - ◆ Plant cactus and thorny plants to keep criminals away from your windows.
 - ◆ Clearly display your house number so emergency personnel can find you; both in front and to the rear of your home.
- If you do find that someone has broken into your home, ***call 911 immediately.***



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