

**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..**

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### 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**

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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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