

Residential Burglary Prevention

Bright Ideas:

- ◆ *Install lights by all exterior doors. Use lights at night.*
- ◆ *Install outside light fixtures where bulbs are hard to reach.*
- ◆ *Illuminate house numbers for quick emergency services response.*
- ◆ *Use motion sensors and photocells on exterior floodlights.*
- ◆ *Install peepholes on doors.*

Doors & Windows:

- ◆ *Change the locks when moving into a new residence.*
- ◆ *Always lock your doors and windows.*
- ◆ *Use solid core or metal exterior doors.*
- ◆ *Use dead bolt door locks on exterior doors*
- ◆ *Add auxiliary track-type locks, removable drop bars, wooden dowels, or pinning devices to windows and sliding glass doors.*

Landscaping:

- ◆ *Trim tree branches 5 feet off the ground.*
- ◆ *Prune shrubs to under 3 feet from the ground.*
- ◆ *Trim shrubs back from doors and windows. Don't give burglars places to hide.*

Vehicle Smarts:

- ◆ *Close the garage door and cover windows so no one can see inside.*
- ◆ *Remove keys from vehicle when parked in garage.*
- ◆ *Hide the garage door opener from open view in your car.*

Personal Information:

- ◆ *Keep valuables in a safe deposit box.*
- ◆ *Use a locking mailbox.*
- ◆ *Shred any statements with personal identifying information.*

Dealing With Strangers:

- ◆ *Do not allow strangers into your home.*
- ◆ *Verify workers by ID cards and calling their employer.*
- ◆ *Never give keys to workers.*

Don't be afraid or embarrassed to call 911.