



Crime Prevention

Home Security Recommendations

Outside of your home:

- Ensure your house number is easy to read from the street to assist responders in locating your home in an emergency.
- Lock all gates and doors after each use. Consider padlocks for gates.
- Utilize outdoor lighting to include motion sensitive lights and porch lights
- Lock up bikes with heavy duty locks. If possible, store bikes in the house or in a garage or lockable shed. Register your bike with the local police agency in case it is ever stolen.
- Lock vehicle doors. Do not leave anything in your car. A seemingly invaluable item can be enough to provoke a break-in.
- Keep ladders secured so they don't lend access to upper floors of your home.
- Keep bushes and shrubs pruned to decrease places for an intruder to hide.

Inside your home:

- Keep house and car keys in a drawer out of plain view from intruders.
- If using a safe for valuables, affix the safe to a wall or shelf to prevent removal.
- Doors should be solid wood or metal so they aren't easily broken.
- The door between the garage and the main home should be locked whenever not in direct use.
- Windows should all have locks and should be locked when not in the open position. Consider windows that can lock in the open position as well for ventilation purposes.
- Keep a log of the serial numbers for electronics such as computers, televisions, and stereos.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near your home phone or programmed into your cell phone.
- If a cell phone is your main phone and you no longer utilize a landline, keep the cell phone near your bed in the evening in case you need to summon assistance.
- Activate your alarm system whenever you leave the house.

While away on Vacation:

- Inform a trusted friend or neighbor that you will be away and have them watch your house.
- Utilize timers for lights to make it appear as though someone is home.
- Stop your mail and newspaper delivery while you are away or have someone gather them for you.
- Have someone put out your garbage/ recycling/ yard debris on the appropriate days so it appears you are home.