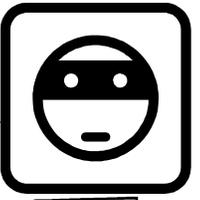




Break-ins are a CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY



Break-ins are a Crime of Opportunity, where entry is gained due to carelessness of homeowners.

1. LOCK ALL YOUR DOORS 24/7

Most unlawful entry is through doorways. And about 50% of those are through doors left unlocked. An unlocked door is not a lock.



- 51% of break-ins occur during the daylight
- Most daylight break-ins occur Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 49% occur after dark
- 8,600 break-ins occur a day. 1 every 13 seconds

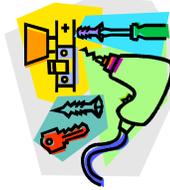


Dogs can be a good deterrent to strangers and intruders.

By barking a dog will alert the owner and can prevent strangers from entering the property

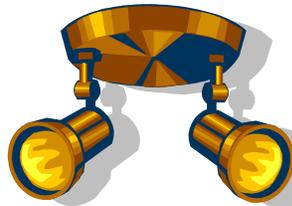
2. DEADBOLT ALL EXTERIOR ENTRANCES

Most burglaries are the result of forcible entry. Every exterior entryway into your home needs a deadbolt with a full 1" throw of case hardened steel with a steel face and a roller collar.



- Treat the door from the garage to inside the house as an exterior door.
- Exterior doors should be solid 1-3/4" hardwood, with secure frames.

3. INTRUDERS FEAR LIGHT



- Good exterior lighting around your perimeter creates a wall of light. Burglars do not like light
- Consider motion activated light fixtures
- All porches and other entrances should be lit with at least a 40 watt bulb.
- Trim the overgrown bushes, tree limbs or landscaping to the height of porches or windows

4. GLASS CAN SHATTER YOUR SECURITY

- Locks less than an arm's length from glass panels and doors require other prevention applications. Where building codes all, install double cylinder deadbolts that need to be opened by a key from both sides



- A sliding glass door can be easily lifted out of its track . Adjust screws in the upper track to limit clearance.

Add a wooden dowel to keep it from sliding.

- Retrofit ground floor windows with locking hardware.

5. VACATIONS—ENSURE PREVENTIVE ACTION



Maintain the appearance of occupancy at all times.

- Use automatic timers for lights
- Have trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers, and occasionally use your garbage cans
- Have a radio or TV on a timer. Turn ringer down on telephone

6. START A NEIGHBORHOOD



Neighbors watching out for each other is the most effective method of crime prevention. Host a Neighborhood Watch formation meeting

for your block. We will be glad to assist you in the creation of a Neighborhood Watch.

7. DON'T USE HIDDEN KEYS

- Never hide keys under a mat or taped above a door
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor
- Don't place identification tags with your address on your key ring. Instead place your phone number on it

8. HELP THE POLICE HELP YOU

- House numbers should be 4" - 6" high, reflective and visible from the street



- Numbers should be illuminated at night
- Report strangers running around through private yards or alley ways or anyone looking into windows of houses or parked cars
- Call the police. Don't worry about false alarms. Better to be safe than sorry
- Call 9-1-1 if an emergency threatens human life or property. If not an emergency call the Willows Police Department at 934-3456

9. BURGLARS PREFER CASH

Burglars want cash or items easily fenced for cash; small electronic equipment, computers, cameras, jewelry, handguns. Don't make it easy....

- Empty stereo and TV boxes in the alley or visible in your trash is a strong temptation to burglars
- Hide your valuables or keep them under lock and key
- Mark your property with your drivers license number (write CDL in front of the number). Take photos of jewelry or other items you can not mark.

10. GONE IN 60 SECONDS

Research by the National Crime Prevention Institute shows that burglars generally will work no longer than 60 seconds to obtain entry.



10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOME SECURITY



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