



10 Tips to Protect your Home & Property

Listed below are some tips for preventing burglaries of your homes and sheds:

1) Make your home look and sound occupied. Leave a T.V. or radio on during the day and at night leave a light on or consider purchasing an automatic timer for lights.

2) Never leave garage and shed doors open, even if you are home.

3) Install quality locks on your doors and shed doors and make sure you keep the doors locked at all times. Make sure all windows are secured.

4) Consider installing motion activated lighting around sheds, decks and porches and keep your landscaping and bushes trimmed short. Don't create an area that a burglar could use for cover and concealment.

5) If you move into a new apartment or home, have the locks changed and never leave an extra key at your door or under a mat.

6) Keep your vehicle keys and house keys separate. If you have a garage door opener in your vehicle, make sure that your vehicle is locked at all times.

7) Don't advertise your vacation plans. Let a trusted neighbor know your plans and ask them to pick-up your newspapers and mail. Consider stopping your mail service for the time that you are away on vacation.

8) Don't leave your property and valuables out in the open and laying in your yard. Make sure all valuables, lawn equipment and bicycles are secured and not left lying about even for a few minutes. Stress to children at the home that it is very important not to leave their bicycle in the yard or sidewalk when they come into the house.

9) Valuables, lawn equipment and bicycles can be engraved with a personal identifying number. Keep a record of serial numbers and valuable property. Taking pictures of the valuables is also helpful.

10) Keep your eyes open! Report anything to Police that looks or seems suspicious...

