

Burglary Basics will help make your home a hard target.

- Make your home look occupied
- If possible, leave a car in your drive to give the appearance that someone is home
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house - even if it's for a short time
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you're going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day
- Leave a radio or TV on to give the impression someone is home
- Keep your garage door closed and locked
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed or snow to be shoveled if you're going away for an extended time
- Make sure your lawnmower, snow blower, grill and bicycles are stored out of sight
- Have adequate exterior lighting – leave your porch light on for you and your neighbors
- Trim trees and shrubs to they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders
- An alarm system is excellent for home security. It provides peace of mind to homeowners

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