

Common Sense Security Tips

Build Layers of Security – Be a Difficult Target and Trip-Up Your Thief.

- Place a thorny bush in front of a secured window in front of heavy furniture.
- Install an alarm system with exterior contacts, interior motion detectors, and a contact on the safe holding your valuables.
- Connect your alarm panel to a phone line and to a back-up cellular device in case the phone line is cut.

Use Strong Locks & Install Them Properly

- Install deadbolts on all exterior doors, including upper-level balconies.
 - The bolt should extend one-inch into the door frame.
 - The connecting screws should be inside your house.
 - Attach the strike plate to the door frame with three-inch screws.
- Use double-key locks on all doors with windows; don't leave a key in the lock.
- Secure sliding doors with a security bar or broom handle in the track.
- Secure windows with a lock & a screw below the window into the frame.
- Install flush lever bolts at the top and bottom of double doors.

Light Your Home to Create a Presence & Eliminate Hiding Spaces

- Keep the exterior of your house well-lit.
- Mount exterior lights out of reach.
- Attach lights to motion detectors.
- Use timers for exterior and interior lights if you are going to be away.

Use Security to Slow Your Thief Down & Make Yourself an Unattractive Target

- Lock your home, garage, and shed at all times.
- Have solid doors, door frames, and door hardware.
- Use burglar-resistant glass.

Use Noise to Create a Presence & Draw Attention to an Intruder

- Place a stereo or TV on a timer when you are away from home.
- Get a dog.
- Install an alarm system and repair it if it malfunctions. If it goes off frequently, neighbors will learn to ignore it.

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