



RESIDENTIAL SECURITY PROTECTION SUGGESTIONS

1. **HOME SECURITY SYSTEMS:** Reportedly, many burglars who were interviewed state that an alarm system is one of the biggest deterrents to burglars. Have your perimeter doors alarmed as well as key inside doors (bedroom, basement, etc.). If burglars come through un-sensored windows, they will set off the alarm when they open a door. At nighttime, you can just set the perimeter alarm. Have a Loud, Audible Siren inside and outside of your home. An outside Strobe Light will also draw attention to your residence and help responding police units to locate it faster.
2. **QUALITY DOOR LOCKS:** Preferably double-cylinder (takes a key outside and inside). Especially in doors with windows in them. Burglars can't break out the window and reach inside and unlock the door. **ALSO:** If they break into your home, it limits their escape routes which is a big deterrent. When you are home, and at nighttime, you can leave a key in the inside lock in case you have to exit quickly.
3. **GOOD OUTSIDE LIGHTING:** Burglars and prowlers do not want to be seen, by you or your neighbors. Well-lit property is a deterrent to burglars accessing garages and outbuildings, and vehicles parked outside. In addition, Motion Detector Lights are a burglar/prowler deterrent. They don't know if it was you who turned the light on.
4. **QUALITY/SECURE WINDOWS:** Window sensors are available for your alarm system. In hot weather, many of us leave some windows open for cooling. Burglars know and take advantage of this. For windows easily accessible from ground level, research how to make them more difficult from outside entry.
5. **DO NOT OPEN DOORS TO STRANGERS:** Especially if you are home alone. Residential burglars will usually knock on your door to see if anyone is home before attempting entry. You can ask from inside what they want. If you are home, burglars will have a phony excuse why they are there. If someone comes to your door saying they need help, etc., **DO NOT** open the door. Call 9-1-1. If someone breaks into your home and you are alone, start yelling for **BILL** or any name that will cause the burglar concern that you are not alone. Flee if you can. Fight like crazy if you can't. Make as much noise and commotion as possible. Burglars won't know if someone has heard you and is responding, or calling the police.
6. **WHEN GONE:** Leave your house looking like it does when you are home. Leave inside lights on and also radios. This increases the chance that someone might be home. If out of town, have a neighbor or friend pick up your mail and newspapers, and keep an eye on your property. Light timers are also excellent deterrents to burglars.
7. **MAIL THEFT:** Is a county-wide problem. Identity thieves love rural mail boxes that are away from homes. A good locking mail box averages \$100. Imagine what you have to lose if identity thieves get some of your mail. You won't even know until the bills start coming in, and 2nd notices for unpaid bills. How many times has there not been any mail in your box. You don't know if you didn't get any, or if it was stolen. With a locking mail box, you'll know you just didn't get any.
8. **BE ALERT & OBSERVANT:** Burglars and Thieves are driving our roads 24/7 looking for targets of opportunity. If you observe suspicious persons and/or vehicles, call **CRIME CHECK** at 456-**2233**, or if you observe a Crime in Progress, call **9-1-1**, ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT.

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