
INSIDE YOUR HOME

Arrange valuables to keep them out of sight

Operation ID

- Log serial number of valuable items
- Engrave with owner applied number
- Take photos/videotape
- Store list/photos in a safe place away from the home

WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

Make it look like you are home

- Light timers
- Don't shut all the drapes
- Radio/TV on timer
- Stop newspaper
- Get regular mail pickup
- Advise a trusted neighbor/Block Watch of absence

ADDITIONAL TIPS

Get to know your neighbors - form/join a Block Watch group

Stay alert for suspicious people or phone calls that may be suspects "casing" your neighborhood and report them to police

Get a dog – dogs are a good deterrent to burglars.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Dispatch (Non-emergency)...704-2740
- OPD Main Office.....753-8300
- Tumwater PD Main Office...754-4200
- Thurston Co Sheriff's Office..786-5500
- Lacey PD Main Office.....459-4333
- Crime Stoppers.....493-2222
- Crisis Clinic.....586-2800

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HOME SECURITY TIPS

Home Security should be a priority for everyone.

Survey your house and surroundings as if you were a burglar. What opportunities are there to successfully commit a break-in?

A burglar's three worst enemies are *light, time & noise.*

Here are some areas to pay particular attention to~

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

Plants

- Keep shrubs maintained below window and away from house (prevent hiding places)
- Don't let yard plants or trees obscure the view from the road to your front door (unable to commit crime unobserved)

Fencing/gates

- Remember that privacy fencing creates hiding places
- Consider installing a lock on your gate that prevents access to isolated areas in the back of the house

Lights

- Place a light at every entrance and in other dark areas
- Use photo sensors (so burglars aren't tipped off by lights left on)
- Use motion sensors

Locks

- DON'T SKIMP!!
- Deadbolts are the best security – make sure they are installed correctly with 3” screws



Doors

- Exterior doors should have a hard wooden core, be metal reinforced or be made of steel
- The frame is just as important (a good door can be kicked out of a cheap frame)
- Reinforce or remove decorative glass windows next to doors
- Make sure doors have a wide-angle peep hole
- Sliding glass
 - Make sure sliding portion is mounted on the inside
 - Use a dowel or other item in track to block door
 - Place screws partly through the top part of the door to avoid lift-out
 - Use pin locks for additional security
- French Doors
 - Consider permanently securing one side
 - Use heavy duty vertical bolts

Windows

- Storm glazing will prevent breakage (some burglars will not risk noise of breaking glass)
- Make sure each window has a sturdy locking device
- Use pins for double hung windows

Garage

- Use lock in addition to opener
- Change opener code after purchase and periodically
- Lock vehicle doors even if they are in the garage