

# **Burglary Prevention Tips**

## **SECURE DOORS AND WINDOWS**

- All outside doors should be metal or solid wood and fit tightly in the frames
- All outside doors should have a deadbolt lock
- Install a peephole or wide angle viewer
- Sliding glass doors need to be properly secure, install pin locks and/or use a broomstick or dowel inside the track to jam the door
- Install pin locks on double hung windows, install a Charlie bar device on sliding windows
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked upon leaving your residence
- Instead of leaving a hidden key, give a key to a trusted neighbor

## **CHECK THE OUTER PERIMETER OF YOUR RESIDENCE**

- If there are bushes around your home cut them in such a way that you can see through them and over them. They should be cut below your windows and away from doors
- Install outside lights and leave them on at night, motion sensor lights are a great option
- Make sure your house number is clearly displayed on your house

## **CONSIDER AN ALARM SYSTEM**

- Check with several different companies before you buy so you can decide what level of security fits your needs

## **MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK AND SOUND OCCUPIED**

- Leave interior and Exterior lights on when not at home
- Make use of timers on lights and radios to give the appearance that someone is home day or night

## **KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, CALL 911 IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

**CONTACT YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICER FOR A FREE HOME SECURITY SURVEY**

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