

TIPS:

*Locks, Doors, Lights, Alarms*

*What if caught in the act?*

*What happens next?*

**GET INVOLVED!**

*Join Neighborhood Watch*



**Caught in the Act:** *Don't take a chance. Don't enter your home if you see signs of entry. Get Away. If you hear someone entering, leave the house safely or lock yourself in the room and call 911.*

**After the Fact:** *Report it. Call immediately; remember descriptions. Ask for help from family and friends.*

*"You are each other's best defense against crime. Studies show that where neighborhood's work together, where they know and respect each other, there's less crime."*



**CRIME  
PREVENTION**  
PROTECTING YOUR HOME

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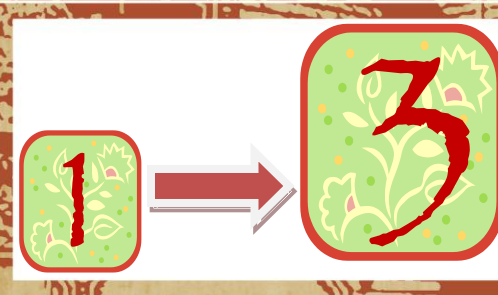
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## LOCKS:

- *External Doors – have sturdy, professionally installed dead bolt locks. Always keep your doors locked.*
- *Sliding Glass Doors - secure with a security bar specially designed to your sliding door or at the very least, a broomstick or dowel in the inside track.*
- *Windows - double-hung windows should be locked.*
- *Keys - don't hide your house keys anywhere outside. Burglars know all the hiding places.*



## ALARMS:

- *An investment – a good idea if you have lots of valuables or if you live in an isolated area.*
- *Don't Cry Wolf – learn to use your system properly, false/accidental alarm fees.*
- *Options – sound detecting sockets, motion sensing outdoor lights and lights with photo cells.*

## DOORS:

- *Solid - all outside doors should be metal or solid wood to reduce being kicked in.*
- *Tight Fit - reduces the chance of a pry bar being used to force open the door. Weather stripping can be used.*
- *Peephole – install on all entry doors and always use prior to opening the door.*
- *Know Your Visitors – confirm the identity of all visitors prior to opening the door.*

## OUTSIDE AND INSIDE:

- *Well Lit – install motion lights.*
- *Clean – keep the yard clear; prune shrubbery back from the windows and side of house.*
- *Visible Numbers – so we can locate your home in an emergency.*
- *Just In Case – make a list of all valuables, serial numbers and photograph them. Keep in a safe place.*

