

BURGLARY PREVENTION MEASURES

- 1. Ensure all windows and doors are locked while away or sleeping (especially on ground floors)**
- 2. Burglars like shrubbery for cover. Keep trimmed and away from windows. Trellees and fences can be used as ladders. Store ladders away.**
- 3. Have mail and newspapers picked up while away.**
- 4. Use caution when disposing cartons (which contained expensive items) in the trash. Burglars look around on trash night for newly disposed packing.**
- 5. Consider motion detector lights and burglar alarm systems. Ensure the alarm system immediately sounds a siren when activated. Most times, the burglar will run.**
- 6. Invest in good locking hardware. Locksmiths can survey your residence and give you suggestions. Deadbolts with at least a 1" throw should be used. Make sure door to jamb clearance is no more than 1/8".**
- 7. Keep in mind that the best locking hardware will not prevent windows from being broken out. Burglar alarm glass break detectors will sound if glass is broken.**
- 8. Keep a telephone in your bedroom. Preferably a cell phone.**
- 9. Consider glass block windows in basements.**
- 10. For sliding glass doors, use a heavy wooden block in the runner to prevent forcible opening. Pop up prevention hardware is available. Make sure doors cannot be lifted off the rollers.**
- 11. Beware of strangers in apartment complexes. Notify security or police. Apartment burglars will frequently say they are looking for a specific person (will name him or her).**
- 12. Hide valuables in the home. Keep an empty laptop computer case visible. A burglar may think the laptop is with you.**
- 13. Beware of outside hidden keys, burglars know where to look for them.**
- 14. Burglars frequently case neighborhoods. Call police if strangers are observed in the neighborhood. Be especially vigilant if you notice persons carrying backpacks, satchel bags etc.,.**

IF YOUR RESIDENCE IS BROKEN INTO

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- 1. Call police immediately.**
- 2. Do not enter, the burglar may still be inside.**
- 3. Leave immediately, go to a neighbors house and wait for police**
- 4. Once police arrive and clear the residence, look around the house and report any disturbances and missing property.**
- 5. Give accurate descriptions of stolen property. Keep serial numbers of expensive items on hand, and photos if possible.**
- 6. Provide phone numbers where you can be reached, expect to be contacted by detectives and evidence processing personnel.**