

BASIC HOME SECURITY

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Doors and Windows

- Security starts with properly locked doors and windows, since these are the most common entry points.
- Install dead bolts.
- Use a door brace of some sort for sliding glass doors.
- All locks should be changed when you move into a previously occupied house no matter who you've purchased the home from.
- Don't hide keys anywhere. Keys hidden outside are easily found.

Household Property

- Don't encourage a burglar by displaying valuable items where they can be seen from a window. Purses and wallets left in plain sight are prime targets.
- Engrave all your property with unique identifiers.
- Make a list of all your valuables, including serial numbers.

While away from Home

- Leave on a radio or TV. Many radios and TV's have timers you can set to come on at specific times.
- Consider putting lights on a timer if you return home after dark regularly, including photo sensitive flood lights.
- If you will be away for a few days:
 - Arrange for someone to cut the grass.
 - Ask your neighbor to park in your driveway.
 - Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on house and pick up your mail and newspapers.