



City Police have noticed an increase in daytime burglaries. Here are 10 tips keep your home safe.

- 1.) LOCK your doors and windows. The #1 way burglars gain access to your home is by trying doors and windows. Most burglars don't take the time to pick a lock, and breaking glass is noisy.
- 2.) Residential burglars will park around the block, or walk through your neighborhood. Posing as door-to-door salespeople, simply ringing your door bell lets them know if you are home.
- 3.) If there is no reply at the door, often a burglar will try to open your door (see rule #1).
- 4.) High value electronics, jewelry and cash are targeted. Children's rooms are often overlooked because of the odds of having high value items in kids room. For that reason, you may consider keeping those high dollar items stashed away in the kid's room.
- 5.) Master bedrooms, walk in closets, and home offices tend to be ransacked more than any other room.
- 6.) Get to know your neighbors and have a strong sense of community. A well connected community is less attractive to burglars. Burglars want to get in and get out without being noticed. Nothing ruins their day more than an alert neighbor making eye contact and saying, "Good morning!" This simple act of staying alert and noticing people in your neighborhood will cause them to go elsewhere for fear of being identified later.
- 7.) Consider forming a Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhood Watch groups are a great way to meet your neighbors, stay connected with law enforcement, and make your neighborhood more secure.
- 8.) Report any burglary or attempted burglary to your police department. Evidence and statistical data we collect can lead to the apprehension of those involved. If you discover your home broken into, DON'T TOUCH anything. Evidence such as finger prints may be disturbed if you do.
- 9.) Keep records of your property. An easy way to do this is to take pictures and close ups of the make/model and serial number. TVs, laptops, Ipads, gaming systems, even jewelry. Pictures will make it easier to obtain this information and possibly identify unique jewelry later.
- 10.) LOCK YOUR DOORS! Seriously the majority of our cases involve the burglar gaining access to a home simply by trying the doors.