



Tools For Surviving A Home Invasion

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM INTRUDERS

SAFETY AT YOUR FRONT DOOR

1. NEVER automatically open your front door for anyone. Make sure you know the “caller’s” identity before admitting him or her.
2. If the person at your door is a stranger, ask for identification to be passed under the door. If he or she is unable to do this, do not admit him or her.
3. It is advisable to have a wide-angle viewer (peep-hole) in the door so that you can check a person’s identity without unlocking your door. Additionally make sure that lights behind you are shut off prior to looking through the peep hole to avoid others from being able to tell that you are looking at them.

HOME SAFETY

1. All doors in your home leading to the outside should have dead-bolt locks.
2. When away at night, leave a light burning.
3. Do NOT leave a key over a door or under a mat.
4. The single lock on a garage door is inadequate to keep intruders from prying up the opposite side and crawling in. Use a padlock. But never leave it unlocked. This is an invitation to have the padlock removed so that a key can be made, and the lock returned to its position. Later, the burglar returns when no one is home and enters a his leisure, using “his or her key”
5. Mark your valuables and keep an accurate record of all your most valuable possessions.
6. When leaving on a trip:
 - A. Stop all deliveries
 - B. Connect a light to a timer
 - C. Notify the police and have neighbor check your home periodically
 - D. Have someone maintain your lawns.
7. Be a concerned neighbor. If you see a suspicious person, car or situation, contact the police immediately!

SAFETY FOR THE APARTMENT DWELLER

1. If you live in an apartment building with an intercom system to the front door, make sure the landlord keeps it in operating order.
2. Never admit anyone unless you are expecting him or her or know him or her.
3. Never admit anyone to the building who is there to see another tenant or to deliver something to another apartment.
4. Anyone asking for admission, so that he or she can do some work for another tenant should not be admitted, but should be referred to the building’s manager.
5. If you see someone in your building who looks out of place or is acting suspiciously, contact the police.