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SSA clients: The following suggestions on how to reduce their odds of being victimized for Home Burglaries.

HOME BURGLARIES

General Tips

- During the periods that you are home, continue to shut and lock your doors and windows unless they are under constant surveillance.
- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time - lock your doors.
- Keep entry gates (sides and driveway) shut and locked.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- **Keep your garage door closed and locked.**
- Do not allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick up items regularly (you can always ask our patrol officers to pick your mail, packages, etc.).
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Do not tempt a Thief:

- Lawn mowers, barbecues, and bicycles are best stored out of sight.
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.
- Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."

Locks...Do not "skimp" on them:

- No lock, regardless of its quality, can be truly effective. Key-in dead bolt locks provide minimum security. Ask a locksmith for advice on your situation.
- Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- When moving into a new home, have all locks changed.
- Padlocks should be cut resistant

Targeting the Outside:

- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.
- Make sure your side gates and/or entry gate is locked.
- Make sure your side gates and walls are difficult to scale.
- Do not store ladders in the yard, keep them locked up in the garage.

Windows:

- Most windows can be pinned for security.
- Drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame - place a nail in the hole to secure the window.

If you have a home alarm system, use it.

- Activate your alarm system.
 - Alarm systems are only useful when you remember to activate them.
 - Activate the system whenever the home is vacant, even if you leave for a few minutes
 - If you have a lot of glass consider glass break detectors as an early warning of intruders
 - Many individuals have alarm systems but do not arm them because it is inconvenient

Stay Safe and stay healthy,

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