

# **Residential Security Tips**

- ★ **Keep valuables in another room(s) besides the master bedroom.**
- ★ **Mark (engrave) all valuables with your drivers' license number. Inventory your valuables including serial number, model number and date purchased and keep in a secure location. Photograph or videotape your valuables. (Attachment 13)**
- ★ **Routinely check the back-up battery on your smoke detectors.**
- ★ **Keep doors and windows locked, even if you're in the backyard.**
- ★ **Keep your keys secured at all times.**
- ★ **Never mark your keys with any kind of identification so they can be traced to you.**
- ★ **Never hide a key outside your home – burglars often know the places to look**
- ★ **If your keys are lost or stolen have the locks re-keyed**
- ★ **Do not place large rocks or other items near windows or doors. These can provide the burglar with his tools.**
- ★ **Remove keys from your vehicle even though it is inside the garage.**
- ★ **Keep vehicles locked. Also keep garage door opener and any valuables out of view.**
- ★ **Do not use your full name on your mailbox, in the telephone directory, or on your answering machine.**
- ★ **Check and see who is at the door before opening it and do not open the door to an unexpected visitor.**
- ★ **As for photo identification of all repair persons. If you are suspicious, call to verify employment.**
- ★ **Vary your routine.**
- ★ **If you have a home security system make sure you are familiar with it's operation and always set it prior to retiring for the evening or leaving the residence, etc.**
- ★ **Never give personal information to telephone solicitors.**
- ★ **Consider creating a "safe room" with a separate telephone line or cellular phone, and strong locks. If someone breaks in, you can retreat there and call for help.**
- ★ **Do not let strangers into your home to use the telephone. Offer to make the call for them.**
- ★ **Do not leave a note on the door letting someone know you'll be "right back", etc.**
- ★ **Always be AWARE of what is going on around you.**
- ★ **If something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable or appears suspicious report it to Law Enforcement immediately.**

**There are no guarantees, expressed or implied, with this inspection that will make your residence Burglary-Proof, or that the recommendations will prevent any type of crime against property or persons within your residence.**

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