



# Crime Prevention Tips



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## *Home Security – Burglary Prevention*

Home security is an important aspect of crime prevention. Burglaries frequently occur during week days when residents are away at work or school. Every home can be a target; however, there are several steps you can take to prevent a burglary, secure your belongings and protect yourself.

### Prevention Tips:

- Always lock doors and windows, even on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Ensure that garage doors are closed, even when you are at home.
- Motion-sensitive lights increase your home's visibility, limiting hiding places.
- Do not leave valuables in open view from the street.
- Remember the 2 Foot, 6 Foot Rule: Trim bushes to a height of 2 feet off the ground and tree limbs to a height of 6 feet off the ground to light up dark spaces and minimize the areas where a burglar could hide.
- Be cognizant of barking dogs, as they may alert on intruders.
- Do not hide house keys in obvious places.
- Use timers on lamps, radios and televisions which can create the impression that someone is at home, even when you are on vacation or out of town.
- Photograph your valuables, especially jewelry and electronics.
- Prepare a list of important items in your home with make, model, serial number and value of the property.
- Keep the lists and photographs in a safe location and update them frequently.
- Be alert for anyone or anything that is suspicious in your neighborhood.
- If you see or hear suspicious activity, report it immediately.
- Talk to your community about starting a Neighborhood Watch program.

Help reduce crime by securing your home. If your home is burglarized report it immediately to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at (303) 795-4711.

If you have any questions or you would like a *free* security assessment of your home, contact:  
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