

Daytime Burglary Prevention Tips

Spring and fall are common times for these type burglaries. Daytime burglaries usually happen between the hours of 10AM until 2 PM, when they feel most people are away from home.

Below are some tips to possibly protect your home while you are away.

- Always be AWARE of what is going on around you
- Always keep doors locked, even when at home
- Install good quality deadbolt locks (1 to 1 ½" throw) on all external doors
- Install auxiliary locks on sliding doors and windows
- LOCK your vehicles. Garage door openers left inside can give immediate access to your home
- Be sure to remove newspapers, etc., from your driveway, these could indicate you are away
- Lights left on outside could indicate you are away; use timers or turn off during the day
- Never ignore the door if someone knocks or rings the bell; you could find yourself in a bad situation if they think the house is unoccupied
- Keep records of all your valuables. The list should include serial number, make, model, when purchased and purchase price. Take photographs or videos of your jewelry and other items in your home. Engrave your driver's license number on your property, if possible. Be sure to include the state, for example: FL 111 2345 5311
- Heavy items, such as cement blocks, bricks, cement sprinkler guards, etc., left around the home can be used to break glass to enter your home
- Security film on windows could make it more difficult for entry to be made through windows/sliding doors
- Consider an alarm system; know how to use it (prevent false alarm calls) and have it monitored. Post signs and stickers showing you have an alarm system
- Get to know your neighbors and share information
- **Report all suspicious situations or persons immediately to the Sheriff's Office.** Call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number, 321-633-7162.
- Schedule a Security Survey with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. This survey will check the interior and exterior to identify potential security problems and recommend solutions. These surveys are CONFIDENTIAL and FREE.
- Start a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood. This self-help effort centers around neighbors and law enforcement personnel working together to increase community awareness and reduce crime
- Check www.BrevardSheriff.com for future updates, tips and Press Releases