



Crime Prevention Tips

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Home Security – Burglary Prevention

Home security is an important aspect of crime prevention. Burglaries frequently occur during work days and at night, when there is little activity in neighborhoods. Every home can be a target; however, there are several steps you can take to prevent a burglary, secure your belongings, and yourself.

Home Security and Burglary Prevention Tips:

- Always lock doors and windows (even on the 2nd floor.)
- Installing motion-sensitive lights increases your home's visibility, by limiting hiding places.
- Do not leave valuables in open view of the street.
- Trim bushes and trees to light up dark spaces and minimize the areas in which a burglar could hide.
- Barking dogs can bring unwanted attention to burglars.
- Do not leave spare keys in an easy place to find. If you can, have a combination or code lock to get to the spare key instead.
- Timers on outdoor lamps, and indoors on radios and televisions, can create the impression that someone is at home, especially 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 makes, models, serial numbers and values of the property.
- Be alert for anyone or anything that is suspicious.
- If you see 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, and even if only one item is stolen, report it immediately to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. For more prevention tips, go to the Burglary Prevention Council website at www.burglaryprevention.org.

If you have any questions, or you would like a *security survey* completed for your home, contact Deputy Scott Sickafoose, at (720) 874-4040, e-mail ssickafoose@co.arapahoe.co.us, or Deputy Brian McKnight, at (720) 874-3750, e-mail bmcknight@co.arapahoe.co.us.