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Burglary Prevention Tips

Most crimes are crimes of opportunity. Eliminate the opportunity and "target-harden" your home to prevent a burglary to your home!

Parsippany Police recommends the following:

Light

- **Make sure that exterior lights are mounted out of reach, so that burglars can't easily unscrew bulbs.**
- **Consider buying motion-sensitive lights and position them on all corners of the home.**
- **Use a variable light timer to activate lights inside your home.**
- **Trim trees and shrubs near doors and windows so burglars can't hide in the shadows**

Time

Make it time-consuming for a burglar to break into your home by :

- **Installing deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.**
- **Installing double key locks in doors which contain glass. This will keep a burglar from being able to open the door simply by breaking the glass and reaching through. (Note: so that everyone in the house can get out in the event of a fire, be sure to keep the key in designated place).**
- **Placing additional locks on all windows and patio doors.**

Noise

- **Get a dog. You don't need a large attack dog; even a small dog creates a disturbance that burglars would prefer to avoid. Remember to License and Vaccinate it.**
- **Consider having someone care for your dogs in your home while you're away, instead of boarding them.**

- If you can afford it, install an alarm system that will alert neighbors of a burglar's presence.

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Other tips to prevent break-ins:

- Be sure to lock up ladders and tools which could be used to break into your home.
- Work together with your neighbors. Let your neighbors know when you will be away for an extended period.
- While on vacation, have someone pick up your newspapers and mail, so that they do not accumulate and alert burglars of your absence. Keep lawn mowed, leaves raked, snow shoveled so your home looks occupied.
- Display your house number conspicuously and have it well illuminated. This will help police and emergency personnel find your home quickly.
- Be sure valuables are not visible from the street.
- Do not leave expensive jewelry in a jewelry box in bedrooms. This is often the first place a burglar will look.

When going on vacation, participate in the Parsippany House Watch Program. Pick up a form at Police Headquarters.

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