



Quick Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim

For Your Home:

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Keep your yard neat and your landscaping trimmed.
- Leave your front light on at night or install motion sensor lights.
- Your front door should be solid core (not hollow).
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Thieves can steal your mail and commit identity theft crimes. Don't use the mailbox in front of your house to mail bills with checks in them.
- When you move, re-key the locks of your new home.
- Don't hide keys in obvious places such as under a mat or on top of a door frame.
- Attempt to identify who is knocking or ringing the doorbell before opening the door.
- Disable and lock your RV/Motor home so it can't be easily moved.
- Lock and secure bicycles when parked - even if in the garage.
- Any firearms should be stored in a locked cabinet out of sight. Remove a working part from the firearm and store the ammunition separately.
- Lock up your lawn equipment such as lawnmowers, blowers, and trimmers in a secured area.
- Put valuables such as jewelry, large sums of cash and documents in a safe deposit box

For your car:

- Keep the doors locked! (even in the garage)
- Consider using a deterrent device such as the 'club', steering wheel column, alarm, or starter interrupt switch.
- Don't leave the garage door opener on the visor or anywhere that it can be seen. Thieves will take your garage door opener so that they can commit an easy burglary as well.
- Don't leave valuables in your car.
- Park your car in the garage.

When you're planning a vacation:

- Have a friend or neighbor pick up the mail and newspaper.
- Make sure someone is checking the house.
- Make arrangements to have the lawn cut and the garbage put out.
- Have timers set up to turn on lights, TV, and radios at random times throughout the day to make the home look and seem lived in.
- Use a photo sensitive motion sensor light for an outside light to make the home appear occupied.
- Stop all deliveries.