

Tips for better securing your home



Install strong door locks and deadbolts.

Choose a lock set that is proven to withstand drilling or picking.



Reinforce doorjamb and strike plates.

Most often, structural failures occur when strike plates separate from doorframes.



Apply window security film.

This prevents glass breakage and can deter a smash-and-grab.



Lock your windows.

If your windows don't already have locks, add them. Or, drill small holes into the upper and lower sashes at their overlap point and insert removable eyebolts.



Close and lock your garage every night.

Make sure your vehicles are under cover and secure before you go to bed.



When away from home, don't advertise your absence.

Put temporary holds on mail and newspaper delivery, or have a trusted neighbor collect them. Put lights on staggered timers.



Put in motion-activated outdoor lighting.

Make sure entry points are especially well-lit.



Organize a Neighborhood Watch.

Meet your neighbors . . . and deter theft!