

*The information contained on this brochure is distributed to residents on a "door hanger" when residential and/or vehicle burglaries have been reported in their neighborhood.*

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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Residential and/or vehicle burglaries  
have been reported in your area.

Property and vehicle burglaries are  
most often crimes of opportunity.  
Please do your part in protecting  
your valuables and minimizing  
your chance of becoming a victim.

You can help eliminate crime in your area by  
following these easy and important safety tips.

### **HOME SECURITY:**

- Install and use good deadbolt locks in your doors.
- Secure sliding glass doors with locks or a rigid wooden dowel wedged in the track.
- Always lock doors and windows (including second story windows) while away from your home, even if it is for a short period of time.
- Keep front and side garage doors closed and locked when you are not present and at night.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view of windows and doors - adjust window coverings for optimal privacy.
- Do not hide a spare key outside your home, instead give it to a neighbor you trust.
- Trim back shrubbery hiding doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs a thief could climb to access a second story window.
- Invest in a good security system along with motion sensor lights installed out of reach.
- Make sure all porches and entrances are well lit.
- Keep ladders and tools that could be used to break into your home safely locked in a garage or shed.
- Talk to your neighbors and watch out for each other.

### **VEHICLE SECURITY:**

- LOCK your vehicle and take the keys.
- CLOSE all windows.
- PARK in your garage or well lit areas.
- USE anti-theft devices.
- CLEAN it out - do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- REMOVE the garage door opener.

### **REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!**

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