



Attention:

Your home is a place of comfort and sanctuary. When your home is violated by a criminal, it can be a very traumatic experience. Here are a few simple tips that may help you prevent becoming a victim.

Things to remember:

- When leaving home, make sure that all doors and windows are locked – including the garage door.*
- Do not keep items of value easily visible through your windows.*
- Do not keep garage door openers in unoccupied cars outside of your residence.*
- If you see suspicious cars or people, take down their description and license plate numbers. If a crime has been committed this can help the police solve the crime. You are the best person to know if something is out of place.*
- There is safety in numbers. Get to know your neighbors. Watch out for them and have them do the same for you.*
- Check the locks on your doors and windows. If possible, install a deadbolt lock on your doors. Make it as difficult as possible for the criminal to get inside.*
- If you are outside of your home, even when doing yard work keep your home secure. Burglars are often in and out of a home in a few minutes.*
- Check and install adequate lighting around your home. This will improve both your home's security as well as your personal safety.*
- Trim bushes and trees away from windows. Burglars may use these as a hiding spot while they break into your home.*
- Be cautious of allowing strangers into your home. If they say they are with an organization, ask for identification from their employer.*
- Do not keep hidden keys around the outside of your home. Many of these hiding spaces are common and criminals know where to look.*
- Do not carry valuable items into your home in plain view. Do not leave boxes or packaging outside. You never know who might be watching.*
- If you are going on vacation, be cautious who you tell your plans to. Do not leave a message on your answering machine advertising your absence to criminals. If you are going to be gone overnight leave a light on. Timers work well to turn lights on and off. Have a trusted neighbor watch your home for you.*
- Keep photographs of valuable property such as jewelry for later identification and to aid you in your inventory.*
- Mark your property with a personalized identification number unique to you. This can aid in the recovery of your property.*

Emergency _____ *911*
Non-emergency - To request a police officer to respond _____ *574-2111*
Sixth Division _____ *574-2187*
Tip Line _____ *574-LMPD*