



# BURGLARY PREVENTION

Tips for protecting your home against burglary, forced entry and home invasion

Have you ever been locked out of your home? Were you able to still gain access?

If you could break into your own home, it could be just as easy for thieves to break in as well.

Follow these safety tips to protect your home against burglary, forced entry or home invasion.

## Safety Tips

- ✓ Lock all windows and doors including interior garage doors, storm doors and sliding doors
  - ✓ Keep fences closed and locked. Lock all entry gates with a padlock
  - ✓ Secure spare keys safely. Keep spare keys away from exterior windows, doors and lock-boxes
- ✓ Get to know your neighbors! neighbors that watch out for each other create neighborhoods criminals tend to leave alone
  - ✓ Trim trees and bushes. Keep bushes and tree branches trimmed away from windows
  - ✓ Remove objects in yard that could be used to make forced entry (tools, ladders, bricks, etc)
  - ✓ Install an alarm system. Use audible or monitored alarm systems and place the company's sign in your front and back yard
  - ✓ Install deadbolts to all entry doors
  - ✓ Turn on exterior lights
  - ✓ Leaving on vacation? Call the police to inform officers of your absence

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