

HANDY HINTS FOR KEEPING BURGLARS AWAY FROM HOUSE

- Re-Key locks on newly purchased homes or if keys are lost or stolen. Never hide a house key outside.
- Keep garage door closed and locked when not in use.
- Illuminate the exterior of the house, especially entrances, to eliminate dark hiding spots.
- Talk to your neighbors about watching each other's houses.
- When away from home, leave a radio or television on and keep lights on a timer.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed away from doors and windows.
- Close drapes and blinds at dusk.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near the phone.
- Make the address visible from the street day and night. This will help emergency vehicles find the house.
- Do not leave such items as tools and bicycles outside unattended.
- Never open the door to a stranger. Get identification from all service and delivery persons.
- If you suspect your house has been burglarized, do not go inside. Call the police from the neighbor's house unless, of course, they were hit too.