

WoodWestLink

Security Seminar

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Harden the Target

- The first step to “harden the target” is to make your home much more difficult to enter.
 - Burglars want to get in & out quickly
 - Your home is your castle where you should feel safe and it’s the only environment where you have control over who can get close to you or your family.
 - Criminals will bypass your home if it requires too much effort or requires more skills and/or more tools than they possess.
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- A. Perimeter
 - B. Foundation of the Home
 - C. Inside the home
 - D. Property

Perimeter

Lights

- Lights around the perimeter of your home especially at entry points
- Motion lights and Solar lights are a good alternative

Garages, Gates & Fences

- Keep them closed and locked
- Garages are the weakest point of entry
- Don't keep house keys in your car - burglars will always search the cars for keys and valuables

Shrubs/Plants

- Shrubbery and plants provides excellent coverage for a criminal
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Foundation of the Home

Most criminals enter via the back of the home.

❖ Doors

- Exterior Doors and Locks (info in handout will discuss the type of locks and strike plates)
- Peepholes
- Never open your door to a stranger - DEMAND identification
- Make sure you tell your children also NOT to answer the door
- You don't have to open the door to talk to the people - You can talk to them through the door
- Video Door Bells* - there are several on the market*

❖ Windows need to be kept locked

❖ Alarms

- Alarms only work when they are used
- Maintain the Alarm Permit

Home

- ❖ Other Openings - Pet Doors
- ❖ Dogs
 - Dogs can scare away criminal and can be a secondary security system but they can also be lured away, poisoned, or killed.
- ❖ Surveillance Cameras
 - Camera can be very helpful*
 - Let your neighborhood security liaisons know if you have a camera
- ❖ Video Door Bells *

Personal Property

- Photograph your valuables
- Document the make, model and serial numbers of items and personal id number
- Hide jewelry, computers, guns - keep them away from windows

Away from Home

- ❖ Alert Slip
- ❖ Vacation Watch —> SEAL Security
- ❖ Put a hold on your Mail and other Deliveries
- ❖ Give the appearance that your home is occupied
 - Light timers
 - Garbage cans

Other Measures

- ❖ Keys - make sure locks are changed when you change ownership
- ❖ Social Media - Do Not broadcast when you're on vacation, nor even if you're going on a day trip. Put photo's and notices AFTER you come back.
- ❖ Notify your neighbors - its good to have nosy neighbors
 - Pickup mail, park their car in your driveway
 - Vacation Watch
- ❖ Flashlight -high lumen flashlight - use it to shine out your window at night or when shined in someones eyes it and cause momentary blindness.

Burglarized

- ❖ Burglars go to the bedroom where most people keep their valuables
 - Be unpredictable in hiding your valuables
- ❖ Burglars get in & out quickly - but if you come home and suspect something do not enter your home - call 911