

Burglary Prevention Tips

Doors

Doors should be heavy enough to withstand a forced entry.

Windows should be spaced away from doors or kept locked to prevent access.

Locks should be in good repair, and fit properly

Pet doors and mail slots can be an access point for unwanted entry, make certain they are positioned in a way as to hamper entry.

A well lit entrance is an inexpensive and effective deterrent. Motion lights and porch lights should be able to be seen from the street.

Screen doors are just another line of defense to consider.

Landscaping or other obstructions such as a porch can provide cover. Do your best to ensure the entry way is in good view.

Sliding doors can sometimes be lifted from their tracks. There are a number of devices that can prevent this.

Windows

Ladders can give unwanted access to less secure areas. Storing or securing them can eliminate this threat.

When trees and shrubbery are kept trimmed and away from windows and form allowing access to the roof is a good safety precaution.

Another tip is to keep all potential access points well lit.

Screens and storm windows offer one more layer of defense.

Locks should be checked from time to time assuring operation and to pick up any that might be left unlocked.

Basement and Garage

Doors should be just as heavy here as they would be on a front door.

Are windows and crawl spaces large enough to crawl through? Installing devices such as bars, double pane glass and assuring they are locked.

The garage door is a very common intrusion spot. It should be left down at all times when it is unattended.

Windows on garage doors are common. When possible, a solid door is best.

Secondary entrances quite often a weak point. Their entrance should be checked for less effective measures.

Storing ladders and tool tools when not in use here can be an effective measure. Giving less opportunity for access.

A well lit garage and basement both inside and out provide a safety feature when leaving or accessing vehicles.