

HOMEOWNER Security Tips

Make sure you have good locks on all exterior doors. Reinforce exterior door frames and lock all doors any time you leave the house.

Close garage doors whether at home or away.

Don't leave anything of value-including tools, bikes or lawn equipment on sidewalks, lawn or driveway.

Have a trusted friend, neighbor or family member keep an eye on your home while you're away on business or vacations.

Never keep a large amount of cash in your house. Store valuables, such as jewelry, in a safety desposit box.

To deter after-dark thefts, use exterior lighting to illuminate possible hiding places around the house and make sure bushes and hedges are trimmed back so they don't provide concealment.

In the time it takes you to read this sentence, one burglary will be committed in the U.S. In this same time, a fire department will be responding to a fire somewhere in this country, both according to reports compiled by the FBI.