



# Home Security Tips

- ✓ Establish a routine to ensure that doors and windows are locked and alarm systems are turned on.
- ✓ Never give information to unidentified telephone callers and announcing your personal plans in want ads or public notices (such as giving your address when advertising items for sale).
- ✓ Keep all doors and windows locked, even if you are just going out "for a minute."
- ✓ If a window is left open a few inches for ventilation, it should be locked to prevent someone from opening it more.
- ✓ Lock gates, garages, and sheds after each use.
- ✓ Store bicycles, mowers, etc. in a locked garage or shed, or secure them to some stationary point.
- ✓ Keep your sports equipment inside the house when it's not in use.
- ✓ Don't leave your garage door opener where it is easily accessible. Keep your vehicle registration, proof of insurance, and any other papers with your home address on them where a criminal is not likely to find them.
- ✓ Remember that pet doors, crawl spaces, ventilation windows, and other openings should be secured. Also make sure that window air conditioners are installed securely and cannot easily be removed from the outside.

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