



Basic Prevention of Burglaries



The **MOST** important thing **YOU** can do is **CALL THE POLICE** to report a **CRIME** or any **SUSPICIOUS** activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember you can always remain a pair of anonymous eyes! **Light up your residence, lock your doors at all times, and call the Police when you see something suspicious.**

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if you leave for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers to build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Notify the Rosenberg Police Department of an extended absence from home; call 832.595.3700.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security. Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.



Other precautions you should take:

- **Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places** – burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- **Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers.** Keep a copy of this information in a safe place away from home — this is a good precaution in case of fire or other disaster. Make a photographic or video record of your valuables, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- **Trim shrubbery** around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- **Be a good neighbor.** If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- **Mark your valuables with your driver's license number using an engraver.** Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
- **Form a Neighborhood Watch Group.** We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.



For additional crime prevention tips or to arrange for a crime prevention specialist to conduct an audit of your home call the Rosenberg Police Crime Prevention Unit at: 832.309.1161.



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