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Home Burglary Prevention Tips



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Don'ts

Leaving your garage door open or unlocked.

Hide spare keys in fake rocks, under doormats, in mailboxes, and over doorways.

Storing ladders outdoors or in unlocked sheds.

Relying on silent alarm systems.

Overgrown landscaping creates hiding spots for burglars.

Few outdoor lights.

Posting vacation pictures on social media sites.

Not securing sliding glass doors.

Protecting your home with a guard dog.

Leaving boxes from big ticket purchases on the curb.

Do's

Always close and lock the garage door.

Give a spare set of keys to family member or trusted neighbor.

Keep ladders under lock and key.

Have both silent and audible alarms. Burglars hate noisy alarms.

Trim any bushes and trees around your home.

Make sure to replace burned out bulbs and add lighting where needed to prevent shadows where burglars can hide.

Post pictures after you return from vacation. Burglars are computer savvy enough to look for homes that will be unoccupied.

Install a device that would make it difficult for someone to get through an opening in the door.

Use timers to switch on lights, radios, and televisions to make your home look occupied.

Break down large boxes into small pieces and bundle them so people driving by your home will not be able to see what you just purchased.