

Remember the three "L's" of Crime Prevention: LIGHTS, LOCKS, & the LAW! LIGHT up your residence, LOCK your doors at all times, and call the LAW when you see anything suspicious.

The MOST important thing YOU can do is CALL THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE to report a CRIME or any SUSPICIOUS activity. You must be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember you can always remain anonymous! For an anonymous tip call WeTip at 1- 800-782-7463

You can also sign up for **The Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers Home Watch Program**. Notify Sgt. Badger at the Holbrook office for more information if interested.

Write down all serial numbers and/or mark all of your valuable property for identification.

Engrave your valuables with your driver's license number or with a personal number. Marked property can be easily traced and identified as yours once located. Marked property is a proven burglary deterrent because it is difficult for a burglar to dispose of for resale. If a burglar is caught with marked property, it is solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

**In Case of Emergency
Please Have Your
Address Visible From
the Street!**

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Home Burglary Prevention Guide

Burglary Defense Tips

Phone:

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency/Dispatch

928-524-4050

Heber 928-535-7111

Show Low 928-532-6060

Pinetop 928-532-6060

Windows:

Most windows can be pinned for security.

Drill a 3/16" hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame - place a nail in the hole to secure the window.

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.

Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.

If Your Home Is Broken Into:

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:

DO NOT ENTER - the perpetrator may still be inside.

Use a neighbor's phone or a cell phone to call police.

Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.

Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.

The burglary basics:

Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.

1. Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.

2. Leave lights on when you go out anytime . 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.

3. Keep your garage door closed and locked.

4. Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away.

5. Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.

6. Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.

7. Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.

8. Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.

9. Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

Don't tempt a thief:

Lawn mowers, snow blowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight.

Always lock your garden sheds and garages.

Use curtains on garage and basement windows.

Never leave notes on your door such as "Gone shopping."

Locks...get the best:

No lock, regardless of its quality, can be truly effective. Key-in dead bolt locks provide minimum security. Ask a locksmith for advice on your situation.

Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.

When moving into a new home, have all locks changed.

Targeting the Outside:

Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.

Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.

Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.