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TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM BURGLARY

Most burglars look for:

- **Something worth stealing**
- **Easy access combined with low visibility**
- **A home that is unoccupied**

Avoid making your home a target:

- Avoid telling others about the valuables in your home.
- Discuss home security with your children, such as not talking with strangers about their home, its contents, or family schedules.
- Close blinds on windows to hide your belongings.
- Make sure your doors and windows are closed and locked every time you leave your home.
- Do not hide spare keys outside your home
- Do not tell strangers your daily routines.
- Do not advertise when you're away from home on Facebook or any public communication forum.
- If you are at home working outside, leave all other doors that are out of sight locked.
- Notify management if you notice burned out light bulbs, broken locks on mailboxes, and doors and/or other safety concerns.
- Call the police immediately if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- Fool them by making your home look occupied all the time.
- Use automatic timers on lights when away from home.
- Place radios on automatic timers and raise the volume so they can be heard outside.
- Lower the sound of your telephone ringer and answering machine so that they can't be heard outside.
- Never leave notes on your door that can tip off burglars.

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