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## How to Prevent It

- Ask yourself, “If I was locked out, how would I get into my home?” Secure any vulnerable windows and doors.
- Install deadbolt locks on exterior doors and secure with 3 to 4 inch screws into the strike plate.
- Try not to leave valuables in plain sight, or visible through windows or doors.
- Secure and lock all windows and doors, even while you are at home.
- Don’t leave a spare key outside.
- Install a security system, if possible.
- Trim back any shrubbery blocking views of entrances.
- Store or lock up ladders and tools outside.
- Remove any loose rocks or bricks near vulnerable glass.
- Join Block Watch and get to know your neighbors.

## How to Report It

- If there is a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.
- If you return to a home or business you believe has been burgled, call 9-1-1 and wait for police before going inside.
- Try not to disturb any possible evidence.

## Key Tip:

**Contact your Crime Prevention Coordinator to schedule a free security assessment.**

