

Protect your Home or Business

Homes and businesses are often targeted because of the valuables that are likely inside. There are a few simple ways to help protect these locations.

- Make sure the areas around your home and business are well-lit. This deters criminals who want to commit a crime without being seen. A lot of light makes this harder to do so.
- Doors should be locked and secure. It is best if they are wood or metal to make it harder to get into. Installing a peephole allows you to see who is on the other side without having to open it.
- Make sure that all windows and doors have good working locks. Dead bolts are ideal for doors as they are harder to break into.
- Hiding a key outside is tempting because it is easily accessible. However, it is better to leave a key with a trusted neighbor or family member so that it cannot be found.
- Consider an alarm system. Be sure to research your options and choose the one that fits best for your needs. Having it monitored can provide an extra layer of security.
- Keep a list of your valuables, including descriptions and serial numbers. If you experience a break-in, this makes it easier to know what may have been taken.

If you arrive at your home or business and anything looks suspicious, do NOT take a chance. Call the police and ask them to walk through the location with you in order to make sure no one is present. If burglars are surprised by an unexpected encounter, they could commit a more violent crime and hurt someone. Do not put yourself in unnecessary danger.