

Protecting your Home

- **Doors:** Outside doors and frames should be made of solid wood or steel. Install security rated locks and deadbolts on exterior doors – a good quality deadbolt lock should have a 1 inch throw and the strike plate should be installed with two 3-4 inch screws. Lucite (high impact acrylic sheeting) can be used to cover glass areas, preventing glass from shattering if struck at. Install a wide angle viewer to see who is at the door before you open it. Keep doors locked at all times. Never hide spare keys outside the house.
- **Windows:** Close and lock all windows when you are not at home. Do not leave ladders, tools or objects that can be used to break windows or doors in the yard.
- **Cover garage windows** so people cannot look inside. If garage is attached to the home, keep interior garage door locked at all times. Never leave automatic garage door openers in a vehicle that is parked outside the home.
- **Alarm systems** may assist in deterring break and enters, but will not prevent one. Any alarm system should be installed along with good physical security reinforcements.

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