

Your Safety Is Our Priority

Here are some tips to stay safe:

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Think ahead and avoid situations that might put you in danger.
- Always have a plan.
- Take mental note of the people around you and their descriptions.
- Never let strangers in your home and always ask for a persons identification if they come to your door.
- Before exiting your car always have one hand available and your keys ready to open the door.
- When an unknown person calls you, never let them know you are alone. Use "we" instead of "I" and never give out personal information over the phone.
- Remove items around the perimeter of your home that give out personal information such as nameplates and children's school location.
- Lastly, trust your instincts. If you suspect your home has been compromised, **DO NOT GO IN**, Call 911.



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KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE

A GUIDE TO PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY

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Home Defense

What can I do to make my home safer?

Large Dogs

Dogs are a great deterrent for suspecting thieves. Not only are they man's best friend but their bark and appearance can be utilized as a great tool to make thieves second guess intrusion. Visit a local animal shelter to adopt a new friend and protect your home.

Cameras

Surveillance systems can give you on the minute updates as well as live feed coverage that have proven to catch criminals in the act.

Landscape

Thorny bushes such as roses, succulents and bougainvillea not only add to the beauty of your home, but they also steer thieves away from vulnerable access points such as glass windows and backyard fencing.



Community Watch

Get to know your neighbors and start a local watch group. Communicate through text message groups or online social media groups.



Make a Routine

Make a habit of not leaving valuable items in plain sight in your vehicles overnight. Do a nightly walk-through around the perimeter of your home. Lock all doors including vehicles, ensure the outer garage door is secure, close all your blinds, and scan the front of your house for any unknown persons or vehicles.



Residential Package Lockers

Package thieves prowl neighborhoods and follow delivery drivers to steal packages right after they are delivered. Install residential package lockers near your front door, have items delivered to designated delivery lockers, or make arrangements with a trusted neighbor to retrieve items if you plan on going on vacation.



Lighting

Bright motion sensor lighting will illuminate those that lurk in the night, causing better sight for not only cameras on the property but possible witnesses in the neighborhood.



Audible Alarm Devices

Contact a reputable alarm company to install a home alarm system. Did you know that some companies can detect when a thief has broken a glass door or window. Go out and purchase door alarms to attach to all your points of entry. Nothing is more startling than a ringing noise in a normally quiet community.