

HOMEOWNER SAFETY TIPS

There are many things that homeowners can do to protect their property. There are locks and alarms and tips to make our homes appear occupied when we are away. One of the best ways to prevent burglaries is to be aware and alert. Police Chief Benjamin C. Fox suggests the following guidelines.

- Get to know your neighbors and become a partner in watching the activities in your neighborhood.
- Be suspicious. Report unusual or suspicious behavior to the police immediately. Write down descriptions of persons and license plate numbers of vehicles involved.
- Be aware of strangers, young or old, male or female, who ring the doorbell and ask vague or strange questions.
- Be wary of persons who seek information about you or your neighbors. Notify police of these incidents and of any unusual telephone calls.
- Inform a trusted neighbor if your house will be unoccupied for a period of time.
- Look after your neighbor's home when they are away and ask them to look after yours.
- Establish and attend meetings with your local crime prevention officer. Find out what you can do about local crime.
- Above all, be concerned! It's the most effective way to reduce or prevent crime and make your neighborhood safe.