

Burglary Prevention TIPS:

Burglars go through neighborhoods looking for uncut lawns and stuffed mailboxes. In the evening, they look for darkened houses or lights that have been left on too long. The following burglary prevention tips will help to make you and your family safer while also showing you how to become a part of the PMRPD Team - so that we may serve and protect our community together.

Lighting

1. Lighting is an important prevention item to invest in.
2. All exterior lighting should be mounted to illuminate as much of the perimeter of your house as possible, By mounting two, 3 head spotlights at opposite corners of your home, you can illuminate all four corners of your home.
3. Illuminate dark spots where people can hide in your yard with accent lights
4. Utilize Solar lights, save money on your electric bill!

Doors

1. MAKE SURE TO USE THE LOCKS AT ALL TIMES WHEN YOU LEAVE THE INTERIOR OF YOUR RESIDENCE
2. Use solid core wood or steel security doors
3. Install dead bolt locks with hardened steel bolts.
4. Make sure all door windows and side windows are at least 40 inches from the dead bolt lock.

Sliding Glass Doors

1. Use a "Charlie Bar" to prevent unauthorized opening, or cut an old broom handle to fit in the track to prevent the door from being opened
2. Use keyed locks
3. Apply a safety glazing material to your sliding glass door. This material acts as safety glazing, much like what is used in auto glass. This glazing can prevent someone from smashing the sliding glass doors and entering your home.

French Doors

1. Use a hardened steel angle bracket mounted inside the door frame to protect the lock and to prevent prying.
2. Use a double cylinder dead bolt lock if building and fire codes permit the use.
3. Have the glass safety glazed at the manufacturer if possible, if not it's a good DIY weekend project.

Windows

1. Utilize safety glazing on all first floor windows
2. Pin your windows so that you can leave them partially opened during the summer
 - a. To pin your windows , with the window closed, drill two pilot holes, one on each sash as close to the window frame as possible. Open the window about 3 inches and repeat.
 - b. Use two 2 inch screws and screw them at least one inch into the pilot hole the remaining part of the screw will secure the window in the open or shut position. Make sure the windows are in good repair and fit well in the sash. DO NOT rely on the thumb lock. This lock is easily defeated.