



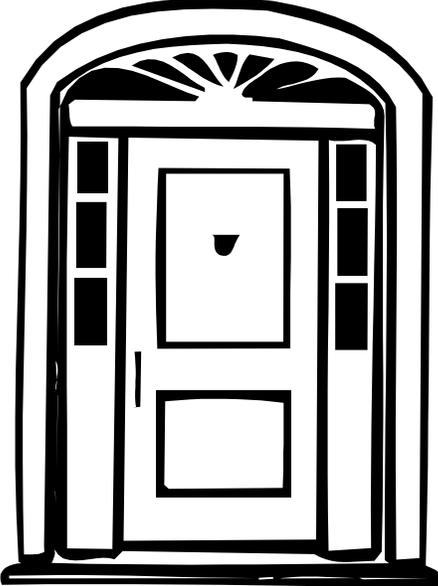
IS YOUR HOME SAFE FROM INTRUDERS?

An intruder can gain access to your home within seconds, and while inside quickly search for valuables such as money, spare house and/or vehicle keys, electronics, jewelry and drugs. Such items are small and easy to conceal in a pocket or backpack. Within minutes you may be victimized.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST BREAK & ENTERS OCCUR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.?

In order to help keep your home safe from intruders, you must reduce the opportunity for access to your home. Common points of entry for criminals are front, rear and side doors, basement floor windows, patio doors, as well as main floor and upper windows. Securing these vulnerable areas of your home is critical to reducing opportunity for break and enter.

FRONT, REAR AND SIDE DOORS

METHOD OF ACCESS	SECURITY STRATEGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Intruders may gain access to your home by kicking in the door, causing the frame to break, or by using an instrument to pry the door open. ➤ If your door has a window, the glass may be easily broken allowing the intruder to reach inside and open the dead-bolt or lock. ➤ If your home has a glass panel alongside the doorframe, the glass may be easily broken allowing the intruder to gain access. <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Install one-inch (minimum) deadbolts on all doors including the garage. ➤ Replace the screws in the striker plate with three-inch (minimum) screws. ➤ Replace the screws in the door hinges with three-inch (minimum) screws. ➤ Install security laminate to glass panels beside doors and to windows in doors. ➤ Use a blind or curtain on door panels and door windows to hide valuables from view. ➤ Install a double-keyed deadbolt. ➤ Keep your dead-bolt locked at all times! ➤ Do not leave spare keys “hidden” outside. ➤ Do not leave spare vehicle/house keys in plain sight inside the house. ➤ Maintain an accurate household inventory that lists all valuables and serial numbers. ➤ Do not leave purses or other valuables in plain sight of your doors. ➤ Do not leave notes on your doors indicating you are not home, and do not leave schedules or itineraries in plain view. ➤ Store credit cards, personal identification and other valuables in safety security boxes, NOT in common areas such as a master bedroom.

TIPS FOR OUTSIDE:

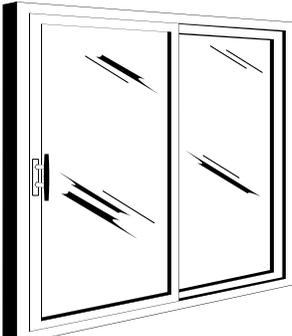
Side and rear doors are often hidden from view allowing intruders to work unobserved:

- Trim all shrubs and plants to two feet tall or less.
- Trim tall trees so that the bottom branches are at least six feet from the ground.
- Install motion sensor lights above all doors including the garage (install high enough to be out of reach of intruders, who may remove bulbs).

GROUND LEVEL BASEMENT WINDOWS

METHOD OF ACCESS	SECURITY STRATEGIES
<p>➤ Intruders may gain access to your home by breaking a window or prying/sliding the window open.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Install security bars. ➤ Install security laminate. ➤ Install an anti-slide device such as a locking pin or even a piece of wood (cut to fit) placed between the tracks. ➤ Install anti-lift locks. ➤ Use a blind or curtain to hide valuables from plain view. ➤ Do not leave items such as garden tools, loose stones/rocks in your yard with which an intruder may use to break your windows. ➤ Do not leave windows open – even a crack!

PATIO DOORS

METHOD OF ACCESS	SECURITY STRATEGIES
<p>➤ Intruders may gain access to your home by using an instrument to pry or jimmy the door.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Install an anti-slide device such as a locking pin or even a piece of wood (cut to fit) placed between the tracks. ➤ Install security laminate. ➤ Use a blind or curtain to hide valuables from plain view. ➤ Do not leave patio doors open!

MAIN FLOOR & UPPER WINDOWS

METHOD OF ACCESS	SECURITY STRATEGIES
<p>➤ Intruders may gain access to your home by breaking a window or by prying/sliding the window open.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Install an anti-slide device such as a locking pin or even a piece of wood (cut to fit) placed between the tracks. ➤ Use a blind or curtain to hide valuables from plain view. ➤ Do not leave items, such as ladders, in your yard that an intruder may use to reach higher windows in the house. ➤ Do not leave items such as garden tools, loose stones/rocks in your yard with which an intruder may use to break your windows. ➤ Do not leave windows open – even if they appear out of reach!

EXTENDED ABSENCES FROM HOME



SECURITY STRATEGIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do not leave spare vehicle keys on counters, tables or on hooks by the door while you are away. ➤ Secure or remove all valuables from your home while you are away. ➤ Ask a neighbour or family member to check and pick up your mail regularly. ➤ Ask neighbours to watch your home while you are away and report any suspicious activity. ➤ Install timers on indoor lights to create an illusion that someone is home. ➤ Leave a radio on to create noise and the sound of talking inside the house. ➤ Ask a neighbour to park their vehicle in your driveway so that it looks like someone is home. ➤ Ask a neighbour to place one of their garbage bags in front of your house on garbage collection day. ➤ Ask your family not to discuss your vacation plans with strangers or service providers – or even with your children’s friends (someone may overhear children talking). ➤ Have your lawn cut or snow removed while you are away. ➤ If you arrive home to find a door ajar or a window broken, phone police immediately – DO NOT enter the dwelling.