

DO'S AND DON'TS TO PREVENT HOME BURGLARIES

- DO make your home look like you're there. Lights turned on and off by timers give your home a 'lived in' look when you're away.
- DO have good locks. A high quality, one-inch deadbolt lock on every outside door is a basic requirement.
- DON'T leave your home unlocked, even for a brief trip to the store or a visit to the neighbors across the street. Many homes have been burglarized in just such short periods of time.
- DON'T hide a key outside your home. Leave the extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- DON'T put a name or address tag on your house or car keys. That's an open invitation to an unwelcome visitor should you ever lose your keys.
- DO plug a radio into a timer and set it to turn on when you are away. Set the radio to an all-talk station, leave the volume low, and give a would-be burglar the impression you're talking to someone. Light and noise are a burglar's worst enemies.
- DO lock the interior door leading from the garage inside your home.
- DO have a free home security inspection and be an active participant in Neighborhood Watch.

Remember: A thief wants to take the path of least resistance.