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How to Protect Your Home From Burglaries

AT HOME

- Do not keep large amounts of money or other valuables at home.
- Lock outside doors at all times, even when you are on the premises.
- Do not open the door to strangers.
- Install dead bolts
- When you move into a new house or apartment, have new locks installed.
- Check door moldings for tight fit.
- Doors should be hinged so no pins can be removed from outside.
- Replace locks with the double-cylinder type (which also need keys on the inside), particularly doors with glass panels.
- Keep garage and tool shed locked.
- Remove all obstructions in your yard that could conceal a burglar breaking into your house.

AWAY FROM HOME

- Purchase a timer to switch lights on and off.
- Arrange to have mail, milk and newspaper deliveries discontinued or taken care of by a responsible neighbor.
- Inform neighbors and local police of your traveling plans so that special attention will be paid to your home.

HELP THE POLICE HELP YOU

- Write down the license numbers of vehicles used by suspicious persons in your neighborhood.
- Keep an inventory of valuables so you will know immediately if anything is missing. Include photographs of jewels and serial numbers of other costly items.