



Protecting Your Home from Burglary

November 13, 2017

Over two million residential break-ins are reported each year in the US. While cash, jewelry, drugs, electronics and power tools are replaceable, it's still important to protect your home, your loved ones and your own peace of mind from break-ins.

Is your home protected from becoming another burglary statistic? Let's take a quick tour of your abode to see what steps you can take to ensure the safety of your home.

Doors and windows: the first line of defense

You already know that locking your doors and windows is an excellent first step to securing your home from potential break-ins – but, don't forget, this is just a first step. Try applying deadbolts, secondary auxiliary locks, security bars and reinforced hinges to strengthen your residence against forced entry.

Updating doors and windows to security-minded models, such as windows with multiple layers of treated glass, is also an effective way to go. Windows and glass doors can also benefit from the application of security film, making it harder for burglars to gain entry through these potential weak spots.

Speaking of weak spots: you should probably get rid of your doggy door. Fido's freedom can come at the cost of an unfortunate opportunity to a burglar.

Securing your garage

It's not uncommon for homeowners to leave garage door openers in their cars overnight. However, breaking this habit and storing them inside your house can decrease the risk of a thief getting their hands on one.

Your garage door could also benefit from a deadbolt, motion-activated lights and even an auto-shut system that will close the door if it's been open too long. Also, make sure any doors leading from the garage into the house are properly locked, too!

From the outside, in

Keeping your lawn and hedges trimmed will not only keep the Neighborhood Association off your back, it might help prevent a break-in, too. A clean-cut yard provides less hiding spots for a burglar while also sending the clear message that someone is home. Be conscious of cleaning up after any yard work – neglected ladders, hedge clippers and other unsecured equipment can become a trespasser's best friend for breaking into your home.

If you use a welcome mat or fake rock to hide a spare key, you might want to reconsider these tactics. It's not uncommon for burglars to check out a home before breaking in. Spare keys are safer in a lock box secured to a solid wall than a Hide-A-Key rock any day.

Home security while you're away

Business or pleasure? Whatever the reason for your travels, keep your home's security in mind if you'll be away for more than a day. Unoccupied homes are common targets for break-ins, and signs like uncollected mail, interior darkness and the absence of cars in a driveway can put your house in a burglar's sights.

Enlisting a trusted friend or neighbor to check on your home can cut down on these risk factors, but chances are most people will only be able to stop by once or twice a day. Therefore, installing timers for interior lights and leaving TV's or radios on are helpful ways to give the impression someone is home, deterring potential intruders.

Smart Home Security

While all of the above can help you protect your home from break-ins, installing a residential security system is one of the best ways to achieve reliable home security and your own peace of mind. That is why ASI Security provides tailored, comprehensive programs and tools to protect everyone and everything that matters to you.

With ASI Connect, powered by Alarm.com, you don't even need to be home to protect it from break-ins. You can arm the alarm system, lock your front door, see who is ringing the doorbell, and turn lights on and off via your smartphone or tablet – these features and many more are at your fingertips.

There are many ways to outsmart would-be burglars and keep your residence safe. With ASI Security and ASI Connect you'll get the best programs and services to protect your home from break-ins.

<https://asisecurity.solutions/2017/11/13/how-to-protect-your-home-from-burglary/>