

Home Security

- Locks
 - Significant part of comprehensive strategy for protecting your home, loved ones and your possessions
 - Deadbolts emerged on the market in 1960's and gained popularity through the 1970's
 - Today even newer technologies are available to further enhance security appropriate to the societal risks.
 - Burglars look for homes that are easy targets. More than ever, locks are the most critical element in protecting your family and possessions.

Common Oversights

- Key duplication
 - If you give your key to others copies can be made
- Physical bypass
 - When searching for a truly secure lock, always look that it provides protection against drilling or picking, as well as those that have long enough bolt so that the door cannot be pried open.
 - Garage Door
 - Be sure there is a dead bolt on the door between your garage and home.

Common Oversights

- Windows

- Should be secured with locking hardware so it cannot be easily opened
- Patio and Garden doors
 - Sliding doors should be secured with some type of locking pin or auxiliary locking device

- Utility Doors

Basement storage door should be secured with some type of internal locking device

- Out Buildings

Unsecured utility doors (items can be removed and can be a hiding place).

Security Checklist

- Are my locks all Grade 2 or higher
- Do all my doors have deadbolts that extend at least 1"
- Are all of the deadbolts strikes reinforced to the frame inside the door trim
- Do I keep a list of everyone I gave a copy of my keys to
- Are my doors all solid wood or wood filled with properly reinforced frames
- Is my property adequately lighted
- Are my shrubs trimmed back so they cannot offer any hiding places

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What do I do if my house is broken into

- Call the police immediately
- Do not touch anything or clean up
- Leave the residence and wait for the police in your car or at a neighbors house
- The police will walk you through the next chain of events, which will take time to investigate the crime properly

Do you have a list of serial numbers

- Do you have a list of serial numbers of items in your house
- Jewelry rider on your insurance plan
- Appraisal of expensive jewelry
- Jewelry locked in a safe which is hidden

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