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
  o Should be secured with locking hardware so it cannot be easily opened
  o 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 neighbor's 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
# Personal Property Inventory

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