

## Prepare for Vacation

- ◆ Notify a neighbor when you leave for an extended period of time. Ask them to pick up the mail and papers. Arrange to have snow shoveled from driveways and walks.
- ◆ Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed.
- ◆ Put a radio, television and lights on a timer to give the illusion of occupation.

## Practice Safety

- ◆ Make sure your keys don't fall into the wrong hands.
- ◆ Never carry identification on your keyring.
- ◆ Re-key all locks when you move into a new home or apartment.
- ◆ Know who has keys to your home. Do not give keys to maintenance or delivery people. If you must leave a key behind, leave with family or a trusted neighbor.
- ◆ Never hide a key outside. Burglars know all the hiding places.
- ◆ Don not hang keys on hooks or in plain sight inside your home.
- ◆ Make a descriptive list of all valuables, including serial numbers. Store the list in a safe place.
- ◆ Etch your drivers license number, or another number unique to you (NOT your Social Security number!) on valuable items for easier recovery of stolen items.
- ◆ Clearly display you house numbers so police and emergency responders can find your home quickly.
- ◆ If you see clues a burglar has entered your home, such as a cut screen, broken window or open door, do not enter the home. Call the Sheriff's Office from a cell or neighbor's phone.

## Prevent Burglary

Crime prevention research shows that when neighbor's know one another, they make an effort to protect each other and crimes decline, especially burglary.

Crime prevention demands citizen involvement. No one knows your neighborhood and community better than you and your neighbors. By instituting a Neighborhood Watch program, you warn criminals that people in your neighborhood watch out for one another. As extra eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Office, you help fight crime the most effective way-before it begins!

### To get started:

- ◆ Call the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at 468-3901.
- ◆ With a crime prevention deputy, determine a suitable location and date for an orientation program and Neighborhood Watch training. A local school, library or church works well.
- ◆ Arrange for maximum attendance through flyers, telephone calls and personal contacts.
- ◆ Provide a television, VCR and optional snack.



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## How to Combat Burglary



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## Will Burglars Fleece You Next?

*During 2006 in Salt Lake County, an unlawful entry into a structure occurred on average of once every four hours or more than six times per day. Contrary to popular belief, most burglaries occur during daylight hours, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. because those are the hours when people are least likely to be at home. Individual home-owners and a community deter burglars when they secure their property and participate in programs such as Neighborhood Watch. The following steps will reduce your chances of getting fleeced.*

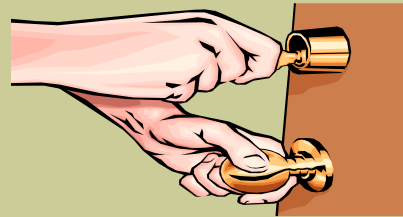
### Safeguard the Exterior

- ◆ Trim plants and shrubs which hide windows or doors. Cut tree limbs which might help a thief climb into windows.
- ◆ Set timers to on outside lights after dark. Illuminate porches, entrances and yards. Keep lights on all night and consider motion lights around your property.
- ◆ Maintain your yard in good condition. Lock ladders and tools in storage when not in use.
- ◆ Share responsibility for the appearance of the neighborhood so it does not attract crime. Clean-up or eliminate broken street lights, abandoned cars, graffiti and litter.

### Secure Doors

- ◆ Purchase metal or solid hardwood exterior doors. Consider a wrought iron security door.
- ◆ Fit doors tightly in a strong frame with hinge pins on the inside.
- ◆ Use quality deadbolts, a minimum of 1.5 inches long. Keep deadbolts locked at all times, even when you are home. High security strike plates will have at least 4 three inch screws.

- ◆ Make sure locks are at least 40 inches from a door window, pet door, or mail slot.
- ◆ Install a peep-hole viewer.
- ◆ Install supplemental locks on sliding glass doors.
- ◆ Place a "Charlie bar" or snugly fitting stick in the track of the sliding door.



### Fortify Windows

- ◆ Don't rely on standard thumb-turn locks on double hung windows. Either use keyed locks, or insert a nail or eyebolt through an angled hole you drill through the top frame of the lower window into the frame of the upper window.
- ◆ Lock screens and storm windows from the inside.
- ◆ Sliding glass windows, like doors, need a supplemental lock and "Charlie-bars."
- ◆ If you can afford it, buy shatterproof glass windows and doors for even more protection.

### Protect Garages

- ◆ Close and lock garage doors, even when at home. Thieves often make non-forced entries through an open garage door.
- ◆ Treat garage windows as you would your home windows-with effective locks and screens.
- ◆ Buy a good quality metal or hardwood door to go from the garage to the house. Equip it with a strong deadbolt and keep it locked always.

- ◆ Doggie doors should be small enough to prevent a burglar climbing through (as burglars come in all sizes)

### Consider Purchasing an Alarm System

- ◆ Read up on currently available options and check with several established companies. Choose a company which offers effective user training and competent installation. Expect to consistently maintain your system.
- ◆ Understand your monitoring contract and the requirements of your responding agency. Register your alarm site with the Sheriff's Office before you use your system. Call 743-5766 for instructions.
- ◆ Beware-user error results in 75% of false alarms, which may result in significant penalty fees. Having pets can conflict with having an alarm system. Other lifestyle elements contribute to triggering false alarms. Legitimate causes constitute only 1% of all alarm responses made by law enforcement.



**To report a burglary in progress call 911**

**To report a burglary that has already occurred call 743-7000**

