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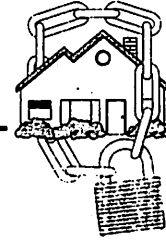
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Home Security

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The facts about burglary...

- More than six million residential burglaries occur every year in this country. That's one every ten seconds!
- Nearly half of these burglaries are committed without force — that is through UNLOCKED doors and windows!

Most of these burglaries could be prevented.

- Always lock your doors and windows even when leaving for "just a minute."
- Never leave a house key available: under a doormat, in a flower pot, on the ledge of the door. *These are the first places a burglar will look.*

If you would like to make life even harder for crooks — remember the following tips:

- Exterior doors should have "dead bolt" locks with a 1 inch strong metal bar extending into the frame.
- Sliding doors and windows should all have "ventilation" locks as well as auxiliary locks to bolster security.
- Be sure to include good locks for garage, cellar, patio or other doors that lead out through storage areas or a spare room.
- For more information on locks, contact your local law enforcement agency or write for the Attorney General's *Home Security Handbook*.

Going Out?

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Use timers so that lights, radio, TV, go on and off throughout the house to indicate someone is home.
- For longer trips be sure to stop mail and newspaper delivery or have a neighbor collect them daily.
- In short make your house look, "LIVED IN."

Remember, if you come home and see a broken window or a jimmied door, don't go in. Confronting a burglar can be dangerous. Phone the police immediately.

Other Tips

- Install a wide angle lens viewer in the front door. Never open the door without knowing who is there.
- Consider alarm systems or trained security dogs for additional protection.
- Whenever you move to a new home, have the locks changed.

Operation I.D.

Another deterrent to "would be" burglars is *Operation Identification*.

- Mark your valuables with your driver's license number preceded by the letters "CA."
- Post Operation I.D. stickers in doors and windows to warn housebreakers to stay away.

- Burglars don't want marked merchandise because it is difficult to fence and evidence of guilt if they are caught.
- So mark your items as conspicuously as possible without defacing them.
- Photograph those items that cannot be engraved (jewelry, silverware, antiques).
- Operation I.D. also facilitates the return of stolen property when it is recovered.

Don't let them knock your block off!

Want to know the best crime prevention tool ever invented? A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

- Law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once, but you and your neighbors can. You're the ones who really know what's going on in the neighborhood.
- Put that neighborhood know-how to work. It's simple: just use your eyes and ears — then your telephone. If you spot something suspicious, call the police or sheriff immediately.
- Don't try to stop a criminal yourself — it can be dangerous.
- Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement make one of the best crime fighting teams around.
- For more information on how to start your own NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP — contact your local law enforcement agency or write the Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center for your own Neighborhood Watch Guide.

"Don't let anyone tell you that Neighborhood Watch is an excuse to be nosey. In three communities of Long Beach, California, active Neighborhood Watch programs resulted in a 45 percent reduction in residential burglaries!"

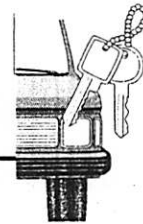


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Vehicle Security

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You can prevent vehicle theft!

Most cars are taken by amateurs who can be stopped fairly easily. You can increase your protection against this type of crime by taking the following sensible precautions:

Lock up

- An unlocked car is an open invitation to a car thief. *Lock up when you leave your car, and take the keys with you.*
- Lock the trunk or tailgate.
- Close all windows — professional thieves have tools that unlock cars through the smallest openings.
- Be sure vent or wind-wing windows are shut tight.
- When you park the car, remove cellular phones, cassette players and other valuable possessions. Do not leave gift-wrapped packages or cameras lying on the seat. Lock all valuables in your trunk or take them with you.
- Lock your car even if you are making a quick stop at the gas station, convenience store or mini-mall.

Park carefully

- Don't leave an auto in unattended public parking lots for an extended period. A car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot than from the street or attended lot.
- If possible, park your car in a lot where you don't have to leave your keys.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to your key ring. If the keys are lost or stolen, the tag will lead the thief directly to your car and *your home*. If you have to leave your keys with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.
- At night, park in well-lit areas with lots of people around.
- Turn wheels sharply toward the curb when parking, this makes it extra difficult for thieves to tow your car.

Operation I.D.

- With an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number (preceded by the letters "CA") on cassette players and other valuable items.
- Record your vehicle identification number (located on a small metal plate on the dashboard of newer cars) and store it in a safe place.

Keep the vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your car.

Use anti-theft devices

- When buying a car, check the manufacturer's list of anti-theft options, such as interior hood and trunk releases, locking steering columns and others.
- Consider the purchase and installation of security devices, such as:
 - Interior hood lock release.
 - Second ignition switch or "kill switch" to prevent electrical current from reaching the coil distributor.
 - Fuel switch to prevent fuel from reaching the carburetor.
 - Locking gas cap.

- Locking devices for batteries, wheels, decks, etc.
- Alarm device to activate a siren, horn or lights – or all three -- to frighten the thief away.
- Device that attaches to the steering wheel or brake pedal.

Carjacking

This violent, random form of auto theft is on the rise. A driver of any vehicle can be a target of someone with a weapon. It can happen anywhere, day or night. Here are some precautions:

- Keep your doors locked.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas.
- Be alert of your surroundings, of people approaching your vehicle.
- Stick with the traffic, avoid lightly traveled streets, especially after dark.
- Keep car and house keys on separate key chains.
- Keep the garage door opener in your purse or briefcase.
- When stopped in traffic, always leave enough room to make an emergency getaway.
- If someone is threatening you with a weapon, *give up the vehicle — it's not worth your life.*

How to prevent theft of other motor vehicles

Thefts of snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats and trail-bikes are also increasing. Many of the same precautions that apply to cars also apply to recreational vehicles.

Lock It

- Make sure all easy-to-carry items like motors, water skis and camping gear are locked up before leaving your vehicle.

Chain It

- Vehicles carried on trailers should be secured with a strong chain and padlock.
- When the trailer is not attached to your car, secure it with a heavy chain and lock to a stationary object.
- Chain your motorcycle or snowmobile to a stationary object such as a lamppost or sewer grating. Even when your vehicle is in the garage, use a heavy chain and padlock that resists conventional steel hacksaw blades.



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Vacation Security

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Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be ruined by crime. Follow the crime prevention tips below.

Before leaving . . .

- Have good locks on all doors and windows, and **USE THEM!**
- Engrave your valuables with your drivers license number (preceded by "CA") and post Operation I.D. stickers in entry doors and windows.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside under a doormat, in a flower pot, or on the ledge of a door.
- Make your house appear "lived in." Use timers for lights and radios. Have a neighbor or a friend pick up mail, packages and newspapers, and keep the lawns mowed and watered.
- Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with trusted neighbors or friends.

On the road

- Never carry large amounts of cash; use traveler's checks. If you must carry large sums of money, do not display it openly.
- Keep a record of traveler's check numbers and your credit card numbers in a safe place. Have the telephone numbers to call in case your checks or credit cards are lost or stolen.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans to strangers; this includes travel routes and the amount of cash you are carrying.
- Do not stop to offer help to a stranded motorist. Go to the nearest phone booth and call for assistance.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest service station, restaurant or business and call the police or sheriff's department. If you believe it is unsafe to get out of your car, sound your horn and flash your lights to draw attention.
- If your car breaks down, raise the hood and attach a white flag to the antenna. If someone stops to help, it is advisable that you stay in your locked car and ask them to call the police or a garage. If you must abandon your car, keep all passengers together.

Car Security

- Always lock your car after entering or leaving it.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Check the back seat before entering your car.
- Mark your car radio and other removable car equipment with your driver's license number (preceded by "CA").
- Always lock valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Always carry wallet, check-books and purses with you.
- Do not advertise that you are a tourist. Place maps and travel brochures in the glove compartment.

Sight-seeing

Remember: Planning reduces your chances of becoming the victim of a crime.

- Ask for directions at a hotel/motel on how to get to those attractions you want to visit.
- Select tour guides carefully.
- Ask if there are any areas in town you should avoid. Stick to well-lighted main streets and public areas.
- Looking lost (stopping and looking at addresses or staring at street signs) may make you look like an easy target for crime. If you do get lost, find an open business and ask for directions.
- Only carry with you the cash you will need, and only small denominations.
- If older children go off separately, be sure they understand the importance of keeping track of time and returning promptly at appointed hours.

Hotel and motel security

Staying overnight at a hotel or motel, remember the following:

- Determine the most direct route to and from your room, to the fire escapes, elevators and nearest phone.
- When occupying or leaving your room, use all auxiliary locking devices on doors and windows. (You may want to purchase a portable door lock for traveling.)
- Use the door viewer to identify anyone requesting entry. Open the door only if you are certain the person has a legitimate reason to enter your room. If in doubt, call the hotel/motel office.
- Unpack and place belongings in the closet and dresser. Arrange your things so you'll know if anything is missing.
- Consider locking any electrical appliances (blow dryers, electrical shavers, etc.) in your luggage. Suitcases should always be locked so they can not be used to carry your property out of your room.
- Never leave money, checks, credit cards or car keys in the room. Take them with you.
- Place extra cash, expensive jewelry or other valuables (furs, gems, gold, or silver) in the hotel/motel safe.
- Report any lost or stolen items to the hotel/motel management and to the police.
- Report to the management any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms.

Remember— the only way to stop crime is to get involved in crime prevention.



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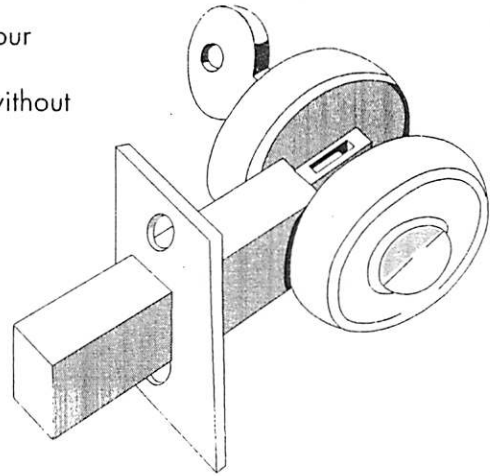
Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors



Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility, not just a job for law enforcement. Seniors can learn how to protect themselves from crime by following these simple, common-sense, suggestions. Share these tips with your neighbors and friends, too, and make it tough for criminals to work in your neighborhood.

At home ...

- Always keep your doors and windows locked. Install dead-bolt locks on all doors.
- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out, and keep your curtains closed at night.
- Install a peephole in your front door so you can see callers without opening the door.
- Ask for proper identification from delivery-men or strangers. Don't be afraid of asking — if they are legitimate they won't mind.
- If a stranger asks to use your telephone, offer to place the call for him/her yourself. Never let a stranger into your home.
- Do not leave notes on your door when you are gone, and do not hide your keys under the mat or in other conspicuous places.
- Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.
- When you are gone for more than a day, make sure your home looks and sounds occupied — use automatic timers to turn on lights and a radio or television.



Thumb Turn Deadlock

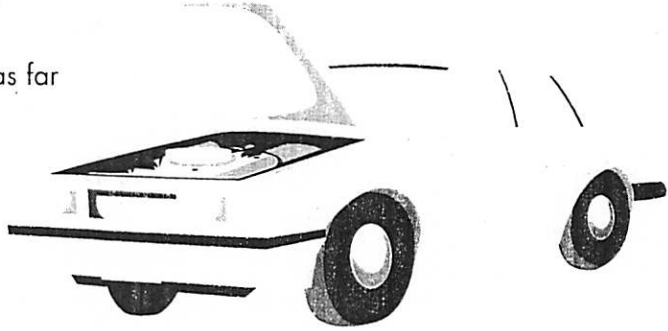
While you're out ...

- Carry your purse very close to you — don't dangle it from your arm. Also, never leave your purse in a shopping cart.
- Don't carry more cash than is necessary. Many grocery stores now accept checks and automatic teller cards instead of cash.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Try to have a friend accompany you in high risk areas —even during the daytime.
- Do not carry weapons — they may be used against you.
- Have your paychecks or government checks sent directly to your bank account — many banks have senior citizens discounts.
- Never withdraw money from your bank accounts for anyone except YOURSELF. Be wary of con artists and get-rich schemes that probably are too-good-to-be-true.

In your car...

- Keep your gas tank full and your engine properly maintained to avoid breakdowns.
- Always lock your car doors, even when you're inside and keep your windows rolled up. Driving with the windows closed also improves gas mileage.
- Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk. Do not leave them on the back seat or on the floor of the car where potential thieves can see them.

- When you return to your car, always check the front and back seat before you get in.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- If your car breaks down, pull over to the right as far as possible, raise the hood, and wait *inside* the car for help. Do not get out of the car or roll down the window until the police arrive.



If you are a victim at home ...

- If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, **DON'T GO IN.** *Leave quietly and call 911 to report the crime.*
- If you are attacked on the street, make as much noise as possible by calling for help or blowing a whistle. Do not pursue your attacker. *Call 911 and report the crime as soon as possible.*
- If you have been swindled or conned, report the crime to your local police or District Attorney's Office. Con artists count on their victim's reluctance to admit they've been duped, but if you delay, you help them get away. Remember, if you never report the crime, they are free to cheat others again and again and you have no chance of ever getting your money back.

For further information on this program and other crime prevention material, write to:

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