

Burglary is a crime affecting thousands of Americans. Simple steps can reduce the likelihood of you being a victim.



BURGLARY PREVENTION

Burglars go through neighborhoods looking for uncut lawns and stuffed mailboxes. In the evening, they look for darkened houses or lights that have been left on too long. The following burglary prevention tips will help to make you and your family safer while also showing you how to become a part of the LBPD Team - so that we may serve and protect Long Beach - *our community* - together.

**STOP CRIME
ACT NOW**



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BURGLARY BASIC TIPS

Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.

Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.

Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.

Keep your garage door closed and locked.

Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.

Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.

Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.

Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors. Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.

Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

If you see something, say something. Report all suspicious persons and activity to police.

“BURGLARY PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME. TAKE STEPS NOW TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM.”

- Install outside sensor lights around your property. If someone walks on your property, the lights go on.
- Establish a neighborhood watch group.
- Cancel newspaper and mail delivery if you go on vacation.
- Hide your jewelry and other valuables in places other than obvious locations.

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Burglary Prevention Tips.

- **Harden the target.** Ensure that all doors and windows are properly locked and secured.
- **Environmental changes.** Keep grass trimmed and shrubs trimmed away from windows.
- **Use proper lighting.** Porch lights, landscape lights and motion sensor lights can deter criminals.
- **Stop your mail.** Ensure that mail and flyers do not build up when you are away.
- **Watch your neighborhood.** Call the police when something or someone does not look right.
- **Burglar alarms.** A properly maintained burglar alarm may be an effective deterrent.
- **Take an inventory.** A list of valuables including serial numbers and photographs can be an important investigative tool if you are the victim of a burglary.