

SAFETY AND HOME SECURITY TIPS

YOUR CAR

- Always lock your car when you leave it outdoors.
- Park in a well-lit area and be aware of your surroundings before you leave.
- **Keep packages or anything else out of sight and put in the trunk** to avoid attracting an opportunist burglar.
- Consider asking for a security escort when returning to your car.
- Never leave your home address in your navigation system (GPS). Instead use 1500 Del Webb Blvd. Keep your GPS out of sight . . . less temptation to break in.
- Keep the registration and insurance copies in your wallet or locked in the glove compartment.
- Keep the garage door remote out of sight or locked in the glove compartment.
- Many newer cars have a built-in system that allows you to program your garage's code into it. Neighbors InDeed can help you program the code using your car manual.
- Consider buying a mini-remote for your car key ring. Neighbors InDeed can help program it by using remote's manual.
- Consider driving with headlights on so you may be seen by others and use turn signals when you turn or change lanes.

YOUR GARAGE AND SIDE GARAGE DOOR

- Do not keep garage door fully or partially open. Open-door garage alarms are available from hardware stores.
- Keep the house entry door locked day and night whether you are home or not.
- Consider installing a peephole in the entry door from the house into the garage.
- Consider installing a motion sensor for the lights in the garage.
- Consider unscrewing garage door opener light since car lights stay on for a minute or two. Garage door light may be a signal to burglar that a vehicle just came or left.
- Keep side garage door and interior garage door locked day and night whether you are home or not.
- Consider installing a removable 2X4 bar held with heavy-duty brackets across the door.
- Consider installing a security screen door for garage ventilation; it provides an additional layer of security.

YOUR HOUSE

- Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.
- Keep your outdoor lights on all night (use CFL or LED bulbs). Light sensors are available to automatically turn on lights at dusk (no tools). Timers are available at Lowe's and Home Depot but they do have to be hard-wired.
- Consider installing motion sensor lights near exterior doors. Install at difficult to reach locations so they cannot be easily disabled.
- Consider finding other locations to hide your valuables other than the master bedroom and bathroom.
- Consider installing a PVC pipe or wood dowel in your slider door and window tracks to prevent opening. (No tools required . . . ask hardware store to cut to size for you.) Neighbors InDeed will measure these lengths for you. Don't use any device that requires tools to remove . . . in case of emergency, you don't want your exits blocked!
- Consider installing screw-on slider window locks to prevent opening. (No tools required.)
- If ventilation is desired, leave windows or sliding doors no more than 4 inches open and install PVC pipes, wood dowels or slider locks to prevent opening further.
- Consider purchasing a sign. "Keep gate closed so dog does not escape."
- Review your home from afar. Are there places for a burglar to hide? Keep your bushes and other vegetation trimmed.

WHEN AWAY FROM HOME

- Keep windows covered to prevent window-shopping.
- Put lights and a radio or TV on timers. Make sure your home looks and sounds occupied.
- Consider installing a monitored alarm system, possibly with an outdoor siren.
- Obtain a LPD Vacation Home Check Request form from the Lincoln Police Department, MailBox Captain or at www.SCLHWatch.org under *Security*, then *Safety Flyers*.
- Notify neighbors and MailBox Captain when leaving for any extended period and stop newspaper delivery.
- See our Tips for a Worry-Free Vacation checklist brochure on our NW website at www.SCLHWatch.org under *Security*, then *Safety Flyers*.

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