

SAFETY AND HOME SECURITY TIPS

YOUR VEHICLE

- Always lock your car when you leave it outdoors or in the driveway.
- Park in a well-lit area and be aware of your surroundings before you leave.
- Keep packages or anything of value out of sight and put in the trunk to avoid attracting an opportunist burglar.
- Keep the vehicle 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.

YOUR GARAGE AND SIDE GARAGE DOOR

- Do not keep the garage door fully or partially open. Open-door garage alarms are available with newer units.
- Keep the house entry door locked day and night whether you are home or not.
- Consider installing a motion sensor for the lights in the garage if not already equipped.
- 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 door for garage ventilation; it provides an additional layer of security.

YOUR HOUSE

- Place your keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get into your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and potentially alert other neighbors.
- Keep your outdoor lights on all night (Use LED bulbs for cost effective). Light sensors are available to automatically turn on lights at dusk. Timers are available at your local hardware stores.
- 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 wooden dowel in your slider door and window tracks to prevent opening. (No tools required...ask hardware store to cut to size for you.)
- 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.
- Review your home from afar. Are there places for a burglar to hide? Keep your bushes and other vegetation trimmed.
- Considering installing surveillance cameras near the entrance of your residence, the rear of the residence. Commonly travelled paths to access your property etc.

WHEN AWAY FROM HOME

- Keep windows covered to prevent window-shopping.
- Put lights and radio or TV on timers. Make sure your home looks and sounds occupied.
- Consider installing a monitored alarm system, possibly outdoor siren.
- Complete the online form within the CITIZEN RIMS (Lincoln.crimographics.com) under the "Vacation Home Check" tab and follow the prompted messages. *Please allow up to five business days for the Lincoln Police Department to process your request
- Consider placing a hold on your mail/newspaper delivery if you plan to be away for an extended period of time.
- Consider notifying a close neighbor you trust of the times you will be gone.