

# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

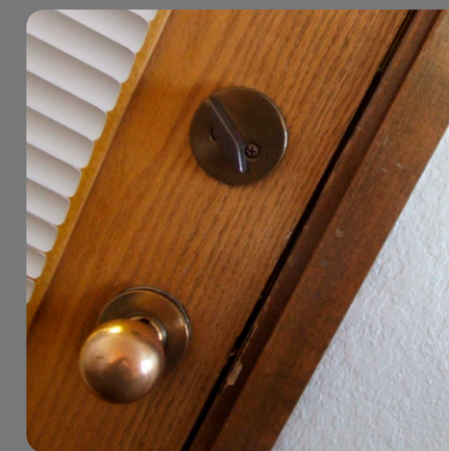
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### Is Your Home Secure?

There are many devices available to improve the overall security of your home, including motion detection lights, deadbolt locks and special locks for almost any type of window. However, residential security begins with you and your presence at home, or a *perception* that someone is home!



#### Deadbolts

Deadbolt locks with heavy-duty strike plates help secure your door. To make them even stronger, be sure the screws holding the strike plate in are long enough to go into the stud.



#### Home Inventory

Keep a home inventory! Be sure that you have a detailed list and photos of all your property, in case a burglar gets in. Include the make, model and serial number of each item!



#### Is your home a jungle?

Check around the outside of your house to make sure that there is no place for concealment. Shrubbery should be trimmed up and thinned out and should not conceal doors or windows.



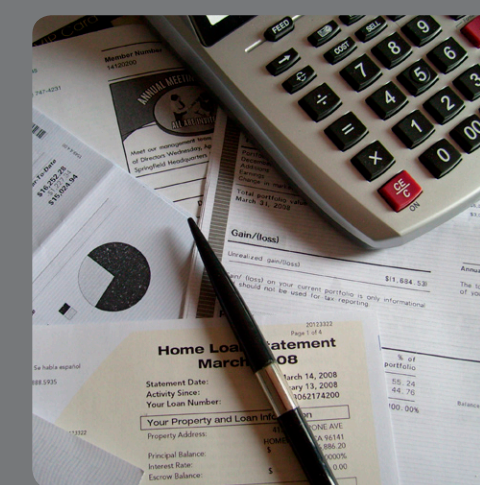
#### Know your neighbors

Who's best at looking after your home? Your neighbors! Keeping your neighbors informed of who should or should not be at your home when you are away is an important part of keeping your palace secure.



#### Burglars don't like the light!

Install motion detectors outside your house and be sure to let your neighbors know so that they can report any suspicious activations of your lights.



#### Valuable documents

Keep valuable documents in a safe securely attached to the floor in a hidden location or keep them offsite in a safe deposit box.



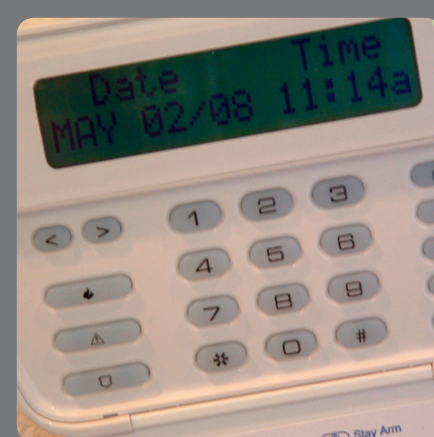
#### Lock up those sliders!

Sliding windows and doors that are of poor quality or aged may not have devices installed to prevent them from being lifted out of the tracks. If you can lift the door or window out of the tracks, install a screw in the upper track that will take up the gap and prevent them from being lifted out.



#### Peep holes

How can you see who is at your front door when you don't have a "peep" hole? Install one that allows 180 viewing (down, left and right).



#### House alarms

Monitored alarms are great for summoning help after someone has attempted entry. A visible "alarm monitored" sign or sticker can also help discourage burglars.



#### Watchdog!

Our best friend could be our best alarm system! A dog is a burglar deterrent and can alert you and your neighbors if someone enters your yard or home.

# PROTECTING YOUR HOME