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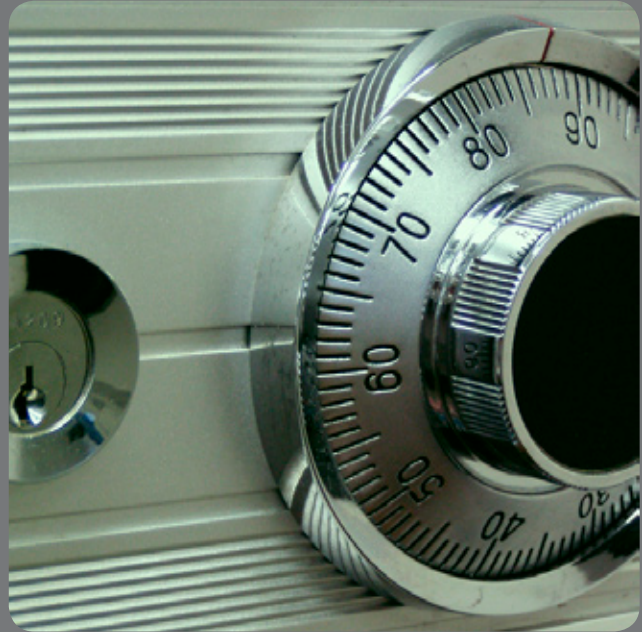


An Invitation To Burglary


An obviously unoccupied home can send an unwanted invitation to burglars. Newspapers piled up on your driveway and letters spilling out of your mailbox send a clear message that you are not home. There are many inexpensive—and even free—preventive tactics that you can use to secure your home and make it a less desirable target for burglars.




Garbage Cans
Garbage cans left outside send the “no one’s home” message. Have a neighbor pull them in while you are gone.




Home safe
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 your gates!
Locks – keeping gates locked makes it more difficult for burglars. Trying to move a plasma TV over a six-foot fence is pretty tough! Be sure to use hardened steel locks with shackle protectors that make it difficult for someone to cut them.



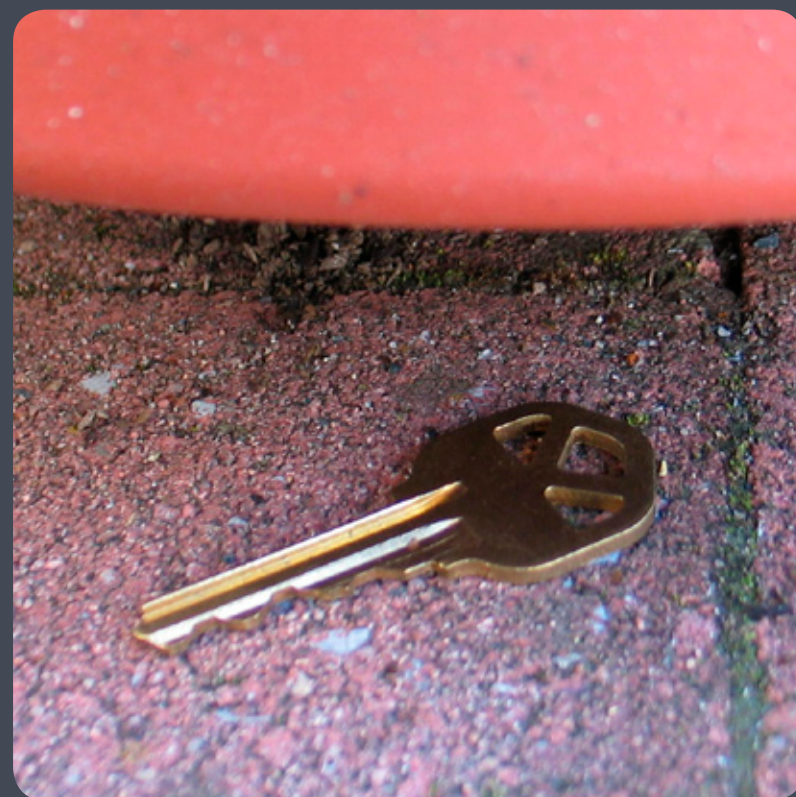
Lights on timers!
Lights on timers, set for the normal hours you use your lighting, indicates someone may be home.



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.




How hidden is that key?
A key under the mat or under the plant pot is often the first place a burglar looks. A better location is with a trusted neighbor who keeps it unlabeled in a secure location in their home.



The mail
Newspapers lying in the driveway and mail bulging from the mailbox is a great indicator that you are NOT home.



Window coverings
What they can't see worries them! Burglars like the opportunity to see inside your home so they can decide whether or not to break in or to determine if someone is inside. Using window coverings can discourage thieves.



Answering Machine
“We will be out of town until the 12th. Please leave us a message.”...Don't leave a message for burglars by putting information on your answering machine that indicates you are not home.

VACATION HOME SECURITY