

- Most windows can be pinned for extra security. Drill a 3/16” hole on a slight downward slant through the inside window frame and halfway into the outside frame and place a nail in the hole to secure the window.
- If you come home to an unexplained open window or door: do not enter! Write down the License Plate Number and Vehicle Description of any suspicious vehicle.
- Also, note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.
- Mark your valuables with your driver’s license number using an engraver. Marked items are more difficult for a burglar to dispose of and easier for the police to recover.
- Form a neighborhood watch group with other area residents to improve security and reduce the risk of burglary in your own neighborhood.
- The MOST important thing that you can do is to call the police to report a crime or any suspicious activity.
- You have to be the eyes and ears of your neighborhood!
- Be a good neighbor. If you see something suspicious, call 911.
- Remember – You can always remain anonymous when you call the police.
- Call the police from a cell phone or neighbors house. Don’t touch or clean anything up before police arrive.
- The CRIMESTOPPERS Tip Line at 978-459-TIPS (8477) could pay you up to \$1000 for information leading to the arrest of suspects responsible for crimes. Text LPDTIP and your tip to 847411 to use the Lowell Police Text A Tip Line.

Remember the three L’s of Crime Prevention:

Lights, Locks and the Law!

- Light up your residence.
- Lock your doors at all times.
- If you see something or someone suspicious, call the law!



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The Basics Of Burglary Prevention



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The Burglary Prevention Basics

- Residential burglars are often opportunists who look for easy targets. If the risk of detection is too high, the average burglar will not attempt to enter your home.
- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in to.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if only for a short time.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for any length of time, use automatic timers to turn on lamps at night.
- Keep your garage door, garden sheds and tool areas closed and locked.
- Check your door and window locks and replace them with more secure devices when necessary.



- If you are going to be away for an extended time, arrange to have your lawn mowed.
- Never leave notes on your door like "Gone Shopping. Be home later."
- Use exterior motion detector lights in addition to other exterior lights at exits.

- Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors. Pushbutton locks are easy for burglars to pry open. Ask a locksmith for his advice.



- A wide variety of alarm systems are available on the market. Inquire about the best alarm system for you and look for one that notifies the police directly through the alarm company.
- Don't tempt a thief or make it easy! Lawnmowers, snow blowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows to keep valuables out of sight and not tempt burglars.
- Have all the locks changed when moving in to a new home and if your keys are ever lost or stolen, change the locks.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or fliers to build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office and newspaper to hold your mail or have a friend collect it daily.
- Hollow core doors are easily kicked in. Solid wood or metal doors are best.
- Have exterior lighting that more than meets your needs.

- Exterior motion detector lights or motion sensitive lights are always recommended for backyards and low light areas.
- Keep trees and shrubs well trimmed so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Trim or remove shrubbery to reduce or eliminate cover for burglars.
- Make sure door hinges are on the inside and not accessible.
- Never leave keys under doormats, in mailboxes, flowerpots or other "secret" hiding places. Burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuables including: serial numbers, description and date of purchase.
- Photograph or videotape valuable objects, heirlooms, antiques or jewelry in case of fire or theft.
- Sliding glass doors are a common entry point and many can be lifted off their tracks. Use vertical bolts or a metal or wooden rod to hold the door closed.

