

# Athens-Clarke County Police Department

## Burglary Prevention for your Home



**Burglary of the home is one of the most common crimes. If your home is locked and unauthorized entry is made difficult and time consuming, chances of a successful burglary are minimized.**

**Keep these safety tips in mind, to help minimize burglary of your home.**

- Be sure to close and lock all windows and doors. Invest in dead bolts and solid doors.
- If you have a home alarm, use it. Place warning stickers on your window, and in your yard.
- Install exterior motion sensitive lighting and lighting that turns on at dark.
- If you are away from home, use timers inside for lights and television, to make it appear as though someone is home.
- If you're going out of town, take items of value with you. If you cannot take them with you, make sure you safeguard them. Commonly stolen items are computers, televisions, video gaming systems, iPods and jewelry.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your house. Have someone collect your mail and newspapers and have them move your parked vehicles.
- Maintain good visibility. Landscaping, boxes and trash bins can give a criminal cover. Remove such items and cut landscaping low for clear visibility of your home.
- Keep accurate records of serial numbers on all items to help in recovery in the event your home is burglarized.

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For more information on how to secure your home, contact the  
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