

# The Importance of HOME SECURITY

Home security is an important topic that everyone should know and learn more about, as burglaries happen on a regular basis. Surprisingly, many homeowners and renters are not aware of the ways they can protect themselves. In order to prevent and reduce the number of break-ins in Fayetteville, the Fayetteville Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit wants to prepare our citizens with some helpful Home Security tips.



## CONTACT US

Call your Crime Prevention Specialist to schedule a free residential security survey.

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**CRIME PREVENTION IS  
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**



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## DESSERTANTS

- Consider installing an alarm system and have the alarm monitored by a reputable company.
- Make your home look and sound like someone is home.
- Use timers for lights and TV's or radios any time you are not home.
- Every exterior door should have a deadbolt lock.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed below windows so they are visible from the roadway.
- A barking dog may be all it takes to deter a burglar. Thieves do not want to take a chance on getting bit.
- Turn on porch lights at night so neighbors can see people lurking around your home.
- Arrange for packages and mail to be delivered when you are home to avoid theft.
- Never hide a key outside your home. The thieves know all the hiding places.
- Have locks changed or re-keyed if you move into a new home or apartment. Do not label keys with your name or address.

## ARRIVING/LEAVING

- Always be alert to your surroundings. Look for strange vehicles or pedestirans who seem to be watching you as you leave or arrive home.
- Have your keys ready and do not overload yourself with items in your hands.

## VACATION TIME

- Have a trusted friend or neighbor check on your home daily. If possible, leave a car parked in the driveway.
- Have newspapers and mail delivery held until you return.
- Use timers on lights and TV's throughout your home.
- Notify your alarm company that you will be away.
- Never annouce travel plans on your answering machine or social media. Not everyone is your "friend."
- Notify the police department so a complimentary house check can be conducted while you are gone. In addition to this, random security checks may be conducted of your property.

## VISITORS

- Always acknowledge a knock on your door or a ring of the doorbell. Never blindly open the door, but ask who is there and look through a peephole, window, surveillance camera, or intercom before you open the door.

## ELECTRONICS & VALUABLES

- Position TVs, DVDs, gaming systems and other electronics away from windows.
- Mark valuables with your drivers license number and take photos of all valuables.
- Use a propety inventory sheet to keep track of serial numbers and email the inventory sheet to yourself in case the property is stolen.
- Engravers are inexpensive and can be purchased in many retail store.

**\*To request a House/Party Check, visit our website [FayPD.com](http://FayPD.com) and look under the Community Policing Tab to submit your information.**

**\*Inventory sheets can be obtained through your Crime Prevention Specialist.**



**“SAFETY starts with awareness.  
AWARENESS starts with you.”**