

PROTECTING YOUR HOME

- ✓ **LOCK YOUR DOORS!!** It is truly amazing – and disturbing, how many residents do not lock the doors and windows of their homes and automobiles. Burglars love unlocked doors. Please don't invite a burglar into your house or auto by leaving doors unlocked.
- ✓ **LOCK YOUR DOORS – PART II.** Don't forget to lock the doors leading from your garage into the main portion of your house. Your automatic garage door opener is NOT a good form of security.
- ✓ Protect sliding glass doors by placing a metal rod or a long piece of wood in the tracks. Install spacers between the top of each door and the frame to prevent the door from being lifted off its track.
- ✓ Use timers on lights, radios and television sets to make your home appear occupied even if you're away.
- ✓ Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways. While large ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only a minute to break in through a window or door.
- ✓ Keep the perimeter of your home well lighted. Floodlights that illuminate potential break-in points such as doors and windows as well as low voltage outdoor lighting are effective ways of discouraging burglars.
- ✓ Never leave a message on your answering machine telling callers that you are away from home. A message that you will return home at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.