

## Home Protection

- Trim Shrubs and bushes so there is no place for someone to hide
- Make sure there are no dark areas around your house, garage or yard for prowlers or burglars to hide
- Every outside door should have a bright, working light
- Outdoor lights are on in the evening, whether someone is home or not
- House numbers are clear and visible for emergency personnel to find your home quickly
- Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened
- Doors are solid hardwood or metal clad
- Install deadbolt locks with a 1" metal bar on all non-sliding exterior doors
- Create the illusion you are home by using timers on lights, radios, or televisions
- Leave a vehicle parked in your parking area when possible
- All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock with a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame
- Spare keys are not kept in usual places such as under a planter or under the door mat
- Garage Doors should always be closed and locked
- Never hide a spare key under the doormat, flowerpot or any obvious location
- Store tools and ladders out of sight and locked away so they can not be used to gain access into your home
- Do not leave a message on your answering machine or on any social networking site indicating you are away from home
- Report suspicious persons to the police at (925) 288-4600, or dial 9-1-1 if you witness a crime in progress