

San Rafael Police Burglary Safety Tips



The **MOST** important thing **YOU** can do is **CALL THE POLICE** to report a **CRIME** or any **SUSPICIOUS** activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood.

Light up your residence, **lock** your doors at all times, and call the **Police** when you see something suspicious.

[San Rafael Police Department: 415-485-3000 or in an emergency call 9-1-1](tel:415-485-3000)

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- **Lock all outside doors and windows** before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, **lock your doors**.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers to build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Consider installing a burglar alarm system.
- Get to know and talk to your neighbors. Keep each other informed.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. We can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.

Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.

Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.