



All citizens have a right to be secure in their home. Home invasion is a serious crime that violates that right.

**NEVER OPEN YOUR DOOR TO STRANGERS**

Once you open your door, your security can be compromised. Talk to strangers through the door, a side panel or window. Install and use a door “peep” hole to observe the person before opening the door. Use a bolt and/or chain on your front door.

When reasonably possible, keep your doors, windows and garage locked even when you are home or working in the yard.

**ALWAYS ASK FOR I.D.**

If utility companies or delivery services are in your area, their employees should have proper I.D. and properly marked vehicles. If you have any concern or feel uneasy, call the police.

**KEEP A PEN AND PAPER NEAR YOUR FRONT DOOR**

- If you observe a person acting suspiciously or vehicle that seems unusual or out of the ordinary, write down a description and call the police immediately.
- When describing a person, look them over from head to toe – in that order.
- Look at them in relation to your door, light pole, etc., to help determine height.
- Note eye color, facial hair, hair color – these cannot be changed as easily as clothing. Look at how they are dressed.
- If a suspicious person is in a vehicle, try to get the license number. Then, concentrate on the make, model, color and any identifying marks on the vehicle.

If you see suspicious activity or you become a victim of a crime, contact the police immediately. The information you provide may prevent others from being victimized and help police apprehend the criminal.

Remember, it's **YOUR** neighborhood. It's **YOUR** home. Following these tips can help keep you **SAFE**.

These safety tips are brought to you by:

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