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## Residential Burglary Prevention

Residential burglary is one of the most frequently reported crimes. It is also one of the most preventable. Locking your windows and doors, installing high security locks, and establishing good security lighting, are the

easiest and most cost-effective ways to prevent burglary.

Here are several additional recommendations that will assist you in making your home a less attractive target to a criminal:

Sliding glass doors tend to be an easy point of entry. Special locks and bars are available to prevent the lifting and prying of the active door.

All exterior doors should be equipped with a deadbolt lock. If the door is equipped with a window which is less than 40" away from the lock, a double-cylinder deadbolt lock is recommended

Landscaping should be trimmed so criminals cannot use it for concealment

Arrange landscaping/plants to allow for "natural surveillance" of your property. Avoid blocking windows and entrance doors from the view of pedestrians, motorists, and police.

Illuminate the exterior of the home at night. Position lights to avoid glare, shadows, and blind spots. Consider motion sensor (demand lighting, timers) or photo sensor lights.

The door frame is often referred to as the door jamb, and it is inherently weak. In most cases the frame is the weakest component of the door assembly. Adequately anchor the strike plate to the framing of the house by using 3" long screws.

Security surveys are a "no cost" service to all Baltimore County residents and business owners. Community Outreach Team officers will examine areas of your home. Just contact your local precinct.

Thanks to my friends at the Baltimore County Police Department for these tips.

Best regards,



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