

# Home Security Tips

Change all the locks and tumblers when you move into a new house.

If you lose your keys, change the locks immediately.

If someone comes to your door asking to use the phone to call a mechanic or the police, keep the door locked and make the call yourself.

Never leave notes on your door for service people or visitors when you are not home. It's a signal to burglars that the home is empty.

Invest in reliable locks and security systems.

Install a 180 degree door viewer.

If the entrances to your home are dark, consider installing lighting with an motion detector.

Make sure all of your windows are locked.

Do not hide a spare key under the doormat, flower pot, or 'secret' place.

Keep a record of you valuables and keep them hidden and secure.

Use timers to switch lights and radios on and off when you're not at home.

Make sure your answering machine says that you cannot reach the phone, not that you are away from home.

Before traveling, stop mail and newspaper delivery.

Always lock your car and roll up the windows.

Park in well lit areas and as close to the door as possible.

To keep your tools from being stolen, paint the handles. Thieves avoid items that are easy to identify.

Know your neighbors. Develop a rapport with them and offer to keep an eye on each other's homes, especially during trips.

Ensure all personal and home insurance policies are up-to-date and that your coverage is adequate.