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Burglary prevention tips

While there are many steps the police can take to investigate burglaries and apprehend those responsible, there are a number of things residents can do to protect themselves, their neighbors and their property. By taking actions to prevent burglaries and reporting suspicious activity, residents can curb burglaries in their neighborhoods.

Here are some simple steps you can take immediately to help police and protect yourself.

- Lock all doors and windows in your residence, including garage doors. Fences are not a deterrent. Be sure to lock back doors and windows as well.
- Secure and lock your vehicle and be sure not to leave your garage door opener in an unlocked vehicle.
- If you have an alarm system, be sure it is in working order and use it, even when you are at home. Post signs around your home alerting others that your property is protected by an alarm.
- If you are going to be away from home for any length of time, stop your newspaper and mail delivery or ask a trusted friend or neighbor to collect

them for you. Have someone pick up packages delivered to your home as well. And don't leave trash cans sitting in front of your house.

- Put lights and sprinklers on timers to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Before you leave, phone the Redlands Police Department at (909) 798-7681 to request a vacation house check. Patrol officers and members of the department's Civilian Volunteer Patrol will check your property regularly while you are away.
- Report people in your neighborhood who appear suspicious or out of place, anyone who seems to be loitering or going into nearby driveways or yards to police immediately.
- Report any strange vehicles in your neighborhood. Get descriptions and license plate numbers if possible. If the vehicle leaves, report the direction it was traveling.
- Report any unusual noises you hear in your neighborhood.
- Don't hesitate to call police if you are suspicious of something. Time is of the essence.

For more information on protecting yourself or reporting a suspicious person or vehicle, call Redlands Police at (909) 798-7681 or, in case of emergency, call 911 or (909) 798-1911.

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