

SEE YOUR HOME THROUGH THE EYES OF A BURGLAR



Flimsy entry points, hiding areas, and no visible signs of security devices? Burglars are taking note.



When you observe your home from the street, you are likely looking at it from a curb appeal aspect. An opportunistic criminal, however, is appraising it from a burglary-friendly perspective. Reduce the chances of your home being labeled an “easy target” by identifying and correcting your home’s visibility and access “weak points.”

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Doors and Windows. Invest in solid-core wood or steel doors and deadbolt locks, and windows with three panes of glass, reinforced glazing or made of acrylic plastic. Also, always lock doors and windows before leaving the house; a great percentage of burglaries occur through an open or unlocked entry point.

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Landscaping. Trim back or thin shrubbery that surrounds your home, particularly that which is planted near doors and windows. Trees, shrubs and large plants provide aesthetic value, shade and privacy to a home, but they also block the public’s view and create perfect hiding areas for burglars to gain entry without being detected.

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Lighting. Install a combination of solar-powered and motion-sensing exterior lights to illuminate key areas around your home, such as walkways and front and back entrances. Automatic time-switches to turn your interior lights on and off are useful in giving your home a lived-in look when you are away.

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Security System. Sign up for a monitored alarm system or purchase home security devices. There are several options for securing one’s home that include motion-activated video recording and audible alarms. If you use a company, be sure to request and put up yard signs and window stickers indicating that your home is protected by a security system.



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