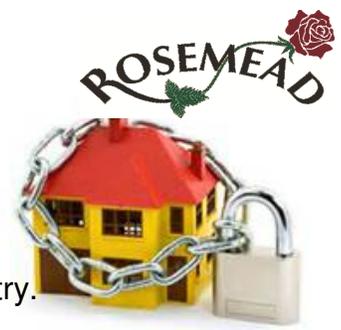


Home Security



The facts about burglary...

- More than six million residential burglaries occur every year in this country.
- Nearly half of these burglaries are committed without force—that is through UNLOCKED doors and windows.

Most of these burglaries could be prevented.

- Always lock your doors and windows even when leaving for “just a minute.”
- Never leave a house key available: under a doormat, in a flower pot, on the ledge of the door. These are the first places a burglar will look.
- Exterior doors should have “dead bolt” locks with a 1 inch strong metal bar extending into the frame.
- Sliding doors and windows should all have “ventilation” locks as well as auxiliary locks to bolster security.

Harden the Target

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- Properly secure doors and windows. Lock doors and close windows when you leave your home. Even for a brief moment when you walk your dogs.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash or valuable jewelry in your home.
- Put a radio on when you are out of the house to make it sound like someone is home. Put the station on a “Talk Radio” show.
- Upkeep your landscaping and shrubbery that may surround you home.

Operation I.D.

Another deterrent to “would be” burglars is Operation Identification. Operation I.D. facilitates the return of stolen property when it is recovered.

- Mark your valuables with your driver’s license number preceded by the letters “CA”.
- Photograph those items that cannot be engraved (jewelry, silverware, antiques)

What to Do

DO NOT confront the suspect (s). Call Temple Sheriff’s Station immediately at (626) 285-7171 if:

- You see any suspicious person and/or vehicle.
- Get as much details of the suspicious person and the make, color, license number of vehicle.
- The direction of vehicle last seen.
- Call 911 immediately if you see a crime in progress.