

Burglar Deterrents



If you have an Alarm System, be sure to use it! They are very effective if they are activated. Do NOT override motion sensors, alarm the entire house.

Communicate with neighbors. Look out for each other and each other's property.

The last thing a Burglar wants is attention. A barking dog is a great deterrent.

Don't advertise that you are not home. When vacationing, leave a light and TV or radio on, have friends or family pick up your mail.

Report Anything Suspicious

License Plate Number

Color of Vehicle

Make and Model

Male OR Female

Color Shirt _____

Color Pants _____

Height _____ *Weight* _____

Other Descriptions

Methuen Police Department
90 Hampshire St
Methuen, Ma. 01844
Tip Hotline: 978-983-8794
Phone: 978-983-8677
Emergency: Call 911
www.methuenpolice.com



City of Methuen

Police Department

What Can You Do to Protect Your Neighborhood From Burglary?



Be aware of your surroundings.

Use the back of this form to note the incident.

It may or may not seem important now, but it's worth writing down.

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Burglary Protection Tips



Put Yourself in a Burglar's Shoes

Twice a year, take a walk around your property with a friend or neighbor and ask yourself, "*How could I break in?*" A friend or neighbor may spot something that you would overlook.

Install motion sensor lights to illuminate any dark areas around your home. Use them near doors or windows, anywhere a burglar could hide.

Make sure you can see your front door from the street. Keep shrubs cut down from windows and doors.

Protecting Your Home

KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS LOCKED! Don't give a thief an opportunity to make you a victim.

Install deadbolt locks and make sure ALL doors and doorjambs are strong enough to withstand a strong kick.

Install storm or security doors on both front and back doors and keep them locked.

Install security locks on sliding glass doors.

Secure windows with small eyebolt in any corner.

Change security code with automatic garage door openers.

Protecting Your Valuables

Document anything that you have that is of value. Take pictures of the items and write down all serial numbers on electronics such as computers, laptops, cameras, IPODs, etc.

Make 2 copies of your documentation – keep one in a safe deposit box. Send one to your insurance agent.

Keep pictures and details of your items such as jewelry, heirlooms, collections, etc. off-site. If you have a video camera, make a tape of your valuables and keep it in a safe deposit box or off site.

A personal safe is a great way to secure irreplaceable items in your home. Be sure the safe is of high quality, fire resistant, and bolted to the floor and cannot be pushed, pulled, or carried out by a thief.

If YOU have been burglarized, DO NOT ENTER, go to another location and call police.

Do not touch items in the home that may have been knocked over or moved.

Let police know if you find anything in the home that is NOT yours and may have been left by the burglar.

Be prepared to provide police with descriptions and serial numbers of items that have been stolen.