

Park Place

Block Captain Neighborhood Watch Program

Burglary Prevention Checklist for Home & A uto

Doors & Entry Areas

- Are your exterior doors of solid core construction?
- Do all entry doors have a wide angle viewer or decorative beveled glass to see who is at the door?
- Are the door locks secure if a burglar breaks the glass out—keyed deadbolt type?
- Do exterior doors have cylinder type dead bolt locks with at least a one inch throw?
- Can all your doors (front, back, lanai, garage service door, shed door) be securely locked?
- Are all your locks in good repair? Do you have keys?
- Are all the striker plates installed with at least 3" wood screws?
- Do you know everyone who has keys to your home?
- Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other décor to allow maximum visibility?
- Does your porch light have at least a 60 watt bulb?
- Do sliding doors have auxiliary locks that lock both doors together?
- Do you lock your garage door into your house at night?
- Do you turn the power off to the garage door or set it to lock when you are away?

Windows

- Can you lock all exterior windows? Even in your lanai?
- Are your window locks properly installed and operable?
- Do you keep your windows locked when they are closed?
- Do you have a secure lock on garage windows and keep them locked?

Vehicles

- Lock all doors, trunks, truck caps, roll up windows when not in use—even during daytime
- Lock 'glove box' and center console if possible.
- Do not leave credit/debit cards, registration, driver's license, GPS units or money in console or glove box.
- Keep anything you must store in the vehicle out of sight, off dashboard, or visible. Stuff it under the seat.
- Copies of your insurance policy with 'what to do in case of an accident' list & street diagram examples & notes
- Have a first aid & burn kit inside the vehicle (not in trunk- check expiration dates annually)
- Carry a 'vehicle' fire extinguisher under your seat for all auto fires—gas & oil liquids, plastic, vinyl and rubber.

Safe Practices

1. Do you keep an updated list of all valuables?
2. Have you taken pictures of each room (several angles)?
3. Do you keep a list of the serial numbers of cameras, TVs, VCR/DVDs, computers, printers, GPS, cell phones?
4. Do you have a description or photos of other valuable property?
5. Store the above lists/photos in a safe deposit box **or** safely hidden at home in a water/fireproof box!
6. Do you 'hide' a key under your door mat? **Please don't!** Find a 'key rock' or 'magnetized box' to hide a key.
7. Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
8. Do you have decorative lighting to help eliminate shadows & hiding places?
9. Have you told your spouse & family members what to do if a burglary is taking place?
10. Do you make sure all door windows are up tight?
11. Are all possible entry points into your home or crawl secured?
12. Do you have emergency numbers posted by all you home phones?