

Utilize an Alarm System

Hiring the services of a professional security company that will install an alarm in your house will be reassuring, but can also be very expensive. People who can afford it may want to pay extra for the peace of mind it comes with. Not only will your home be monitored at all times, criminals will also be discouraged from attempting to break in when they see the signs and window decals that inform them of the alarm.

Of course a burglar will not know if you don't really have an alarm in place. People who can't afford to install a home alarm company can still buy signs and stickers that announce that they have one. Place a sign in your yard and the decal on your window to give the appearance that you are guarded by a security service. You can also purchase other warning signs such as Vicious Dog or an NRA sticker to make criminals think you have attack animals or guns on the premises.

Now that you have better protected your property while you are at home, continue to part 3 of this article to find out why it is important to safeguard the house when you are away and how to stay safe while out for a walk in your neighborhood.

When you leave your home, do you lock the doors and make sure the windows are closed ... every time? Even if you will not be gone for long it is important to thoroughly secure every part of your home.

Break Ins Happen Quickly

It only takes a few minutes for a break in to occur. In fact, most criminals move as quickly as possible to avoid the possibility of being caught. Someone could come home at any time, so they work fast to collect your valuables and get away.

Burglars know where to look for items of value in any home. They will target key areas such as dressers, desk drawers, jewelry boxes and bathroom counters. Before leaving, they will also look in common hiding spots like under the bed or mattress, inside the toilet tank, in the back of the refrigerator or freezer and under rugs that may conceal a hidden compartment with a secret stash of valuables. Some people think that keeping their things in a small safe will make them secure, but if the invader can pick it up and carry it with them, they will.

One of the best possible hiding spots for your most beloved treasures is within a diversion safe that is designed to look like a standard household product like shaving cream or a soda can. The look and weight of these products are duplicated exactly, so a burglar who is looking through your home will never spot them.

Of course the goal is to ensure that people do not break into your home at all, so always remember to lock your doors and windows. Do it without fail, every time you leave the house.

Going For A Walk

You may leave home for a short time to take a brisk walk around the neighborhood. If you have an established watch program in place, your block will be a much safer place for even a late night stroll. There are more things you can do to make sure you are safe while getting some exercise and fresh air near your home.

Walk with confidence and be extremely aware of your surroundings at all times. Pay attention to anything and anyone around you. Criminals do not want to be seen, especially before they

make an attack, and they will be likely to leave you alone if they realize you have noticed them. This ruins the element of surprise that they rely on to catch their victims off guard.

While you are out, carry a cell phone with you so you can make an emergency call if you are in danger or come across someone who is in need of help. You may also want to bring a self defense weapon with you to use against a potential assailant. There are several options to consider. A personal alarm will activate a loud, shrill scream that will grab the attention of people all over your block. They will be alerted that there is danger nearby and dial 911. A predator will most often flee the second the ear splitting alarm is sounded. Stun devices are available for use up close or from a distance. They send a powerful shock straight into the central nervous system of an attacker that will completely impair them for several minutes. Pepper spray or MACE are also powerful devices for your personal protection. They spray a shot of highly potent pepper that will sting their eyes and make breathing very difficult. All of these weapons are non lethal, produce no lasting effects and will give you the opportunity you need to get away unscathed.

Make your home and your neighborhood a safe and secure place to be. The police will help during emergency situations, but by following these tips you can help prevent crime from hurting you where you live.