



GENOA TOWNSHIP POLICE

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EMERGENCY 911

HOME SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

1. Today more than 13 million crimes are committed each year.

2. 50% increase in crime over the past 10 years yet the population increased 11%.

3. With the increase in crime certainly came an increase in rural and suburban burglaries. Burglaries accounted for approximately 22 to 25% of all serious crimes reported.

4. Home Security Measures:

- a. Use a timer or photo electric cell that automatically turns on living room light on at dusk, particularly if you are going to be away at the time;
- b. Leave a radio on with the volume turned low when leaving home, even for short periods;
- c. Always close and lock garage doors;
- d. Secure automatic garage door transmitter in glove compartment of your car;
- e. Lock up all ladders, ropes, or tools that could help a burglar gain entry;
- f. Keep all shrubbery trimmed near your doors and windows- don't provide concealment of climbing platforms for the burglar;
- g. Brightly illuminate all entrances, preferably with vandal-proof fixtures;
- h. Keep your grass cut, your leaves raked, to indicate a well cared for and occupied home;
- i. Empty your mailbox or arrange to have it emptied as soon as mail is delivered;
- j. Install new locks when moving into a previously owned home;
- k. Keep extra keys out of sight and in a safe place; never hide a key outside - most hiding places are obvious to burglars;
- l. Avoid displaying valuable items near windows with open drapes or shades;
- m. Never leave a note on the door explaining why you are not at home;
- n. Never leave doors or windows unlocked when leaving home;
- o. Display only your last name on your nameplate or mailbox.

5. When leaving home for several days:

- a. Don't cancel your paper or mail deliveries; ask that your neighbor pick them up every day;
- b. Leave a key with a friend or neighbor; ask that the house be checked periodically;
- c. Have the drapes periodically opened and closed; and have different lights turned on and off so the house appears occupied;
- d. Store all your valuables;
- e. Tell police when you are leaving and when you plan to return; (House Check Program)
- f. Consider asking friends or relatives to live in your home while you are away;
- g. Leave a car in the driveway, or ask neighbors to park in it;
- h. Ask your neighbor to put some trash in your trash cans.



D's

- a. Deter
 - b. Deny
 - c. Detect
 - d. Delay 3-5 minutes.
7. Locks for doors and windows.
- a. Deadbolts for locks. 1 1/2" Bolt.
 - b. For sliding glass doors place a rod or stick between the door and wall.
 - c. Window locks.
8. Documenting valueables
- a. Photographing
 - b. Engraving
9. Security survey
10. Crime
- a. Been around
 - b. Will be around
 - c. Education is a deterrent
11. Don't try to handle situations yourself
12. Block Watch and 4 D's
- a. Strong Block Watch
 - b. Deter, Deny, Detect and delay 3-5 minutes.
13. Next meeting