## Home Security Tips:

## OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Turn on porch lights at night. Lighting is an inexpensive form of security.
- Do not hide house keys in obvious places. Don't hide them outside at all.
- Remember the 2 foot, 6 foot rule: Trim bushes to a height of 2 feet off the ground, and tree limbs to a height of 6 feet off the ground to minimize areas where a burglar could hide.
- Be aware of barking dogs, as they may alert you to intruders.

## INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Always lock doors and windows, even those on the 2nd floor.
- Install and use a security system.
- Make sure your garage door is closed and the interior door is secured, even when you are home.
- Do not leave valuables in open view from the street.
- Use timers on lamps, radios and televisions to give the impression that someone is home, especially when on vacation or out of town.

## ADDITIONAL TIPS

- Stay vigilant for any unusual activity and report it promptly. Suspicious activity is anything that seems out of place for your surroundings or the time of day.
- Focus on observing suspicious behavior, not labeling individuals as suspicious.
- Don't assume that someone else has already reported the behavior.
- Engage with your community about programs like the Dog Walker Program in your area.

WHAT WE CAN DO

Our deputies are available to lead you on a home security site walk-through, focusing on commonly neglected security matters. To discover methods to boost your home and neighborhood security or to schedule a home security walk-through with a deputy from our crime prevention unit, please reach out at 720-874-3750 or scan the QR code provided to conduct your home security survey today.



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# HOME SECURITY AND BURGLARY PREVENTION

# DID YOU KNOW!

Home security plays a pivotal role in discouraging criminal activities, as home burglaries can transpire in any neighborhood. Surprisingly, burglaries are more prevalent on weekdays when occupants are absent due to work or school commitments. Although any residence is susceptible to such incidents, implementing preventive measures can significantly reduce the risk of break-ins, safeguard your possessions, and ensure your safety.



The primary objective of the Arapahoe **County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention** Unit is to help you protect yourself and your home. The deputies in this unit have undergone specialized training in crime prevention techniques, each certified by the National Institution for Crime Prevention in the globally recognized Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

**CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIORMENTAL DESIGN** (CPTED)

Is a holistic approach to crime prevention that merges urban and architectural design principles with the effective management of both man-made and natural environments.

## **PRINCIPALS**

Guides the positioning of physical elements like windows, lighting, and landscaping.

Natural surveillance

#### **Management and** maintenance

Processes are in place to maintain order and show care for an area.

Natural access control:

Strategically influence traffic flow through the placement of entrances, exits, fences, landscaping, and lighting.

### **Territorial reinforcement**

Setting clear boundaries and defining ownership of areas.

## **Target Hardening**

A strategy used to reduce the opportunity to commit a crime by making a target more resistant to attack.

# **WHY CPTED ?**

Implementing these strategies in your home can greatly improve both the security and visual appeal of your property. These methods can transform the surroundings for you and potential intruders, reduce crime in the area, and shift the perception of safety.