

Report any theft to the Police Department. A theft that goes unreported is not known and this can hurt proactive policing for this type of crime.

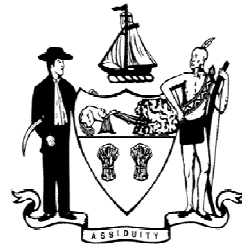
Most home security measures cost less than the deductible you would pay if your home was burglarized.

Some insurance companies offer lower insurance rates to houses with security systems.

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TAKE A HOME INVENTORY

Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Make sure things like TVs, VCRs, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment and power tools are on the list.

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ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT
165 Henry Johnson Blvd.
Albany, NY 12210

Emergency # 911
Non-Emergency # 518-438-4000
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HOME SECURITY INVEST IN IT

BURGLARY PREVENTION

EXTERIOR DOORS

- All exterior doors should be either metal or solid wood.
- For added security, use strong door hinges on the inside of the door, with non-removable or hidden pins.
- Every entry door should be well lighted and have a wide angle door viewer so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

LOCKS

- Strong, reliable locks are essential to effective home security.
- Always keep doors and windows locked. Even a five minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home.
- Use quality keyed knobs as well as deadbolt locks. Deadbolts can withstand the twisting, turning, prying and pounding that regular keyed knobs can't.

- When choosing a deadbolt, look for such features as a bolt that extends at least one inch when in the locked position, to resist ramming and kicking; hardened steel inserts to prevent the bolt from being sawed off and a reinforced strike plate with extra long mounting screws to anchor the lock effectively.
- Use security glazing or plexi style glass to cover glass panels that are within 40 inches of a lock. This will keep burglars from breaking the glass to reach the inside of a door lock.

SLIDING GLASS DOORS

- Sliding glass doors can offer easy entry into your home. Improve security by:
- Install a keyed locking device that secure the door to the frame.
- Adjust the track clearances on the doors so they can't be pushed out of their tracks.
- Put a piece of wood or a metal bar in the track of the closed door to prevent the door from opening even if the lock is jimmied or removed.

WINDOWS

- Most standard double-hung windows have thumb-turn locks between the two window panels. Don't rely on these—they can be

pried open or easily reached through a broke pane.

- Install keyed locking devices to prevent the window from being raised from the outside, but keep the key near by in case of an emergency.
- Pin your windows. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a nail or eyebolt. The window can't be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with the window partly opened so you can have ventilation without intruders.

LIGHTING

- In door lighting gives the appearance that a home is occupied. Use timers to turn lights on and off at preset times.
- Use outdoor lighting to eliminate hiding places. Install lighting near all entranceways to your home.
- Install dusk to dawn sensors to eliminate forgetting to turn on lights.
- Use motion sensor lighting in dark areas around home.