

Crime Prevention

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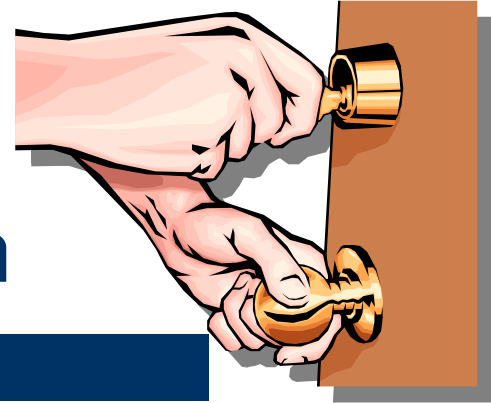
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Home Burglaries



- 2-3 residential burglaries occur in Berkeley each day
- Over 40% of residential burglaries in Berkeley are via unlocked windows and doors
- Windows tend to be entry points
- Most residential burglaries are committed during the daytime

Home Burglary Protection



- Lock your home whenever you leave even if just going to the market or picking up family
- Close your curtains
- Participate in Neighborhood Watch
- Contact your Police Department for a Security Survey - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Home Security



- Is your address visible?
- Do you have a “peep-hole”
- 1” Deadbolt with re-enforced strike plate
- Keep curtains drawn when not home
- Be suspicious of solicitors & do not hesitate to ask for proper identification

Home Alarm Systems



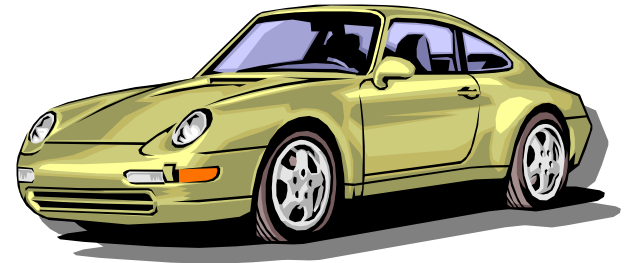
- Only 1 out of 5 homes have alarms
- Home alarms are the #1 deterrent to residential burglary
- Home alarms are inexpensive
- You may receive a discount on your home owners insurance

Purchasing Home Alarms



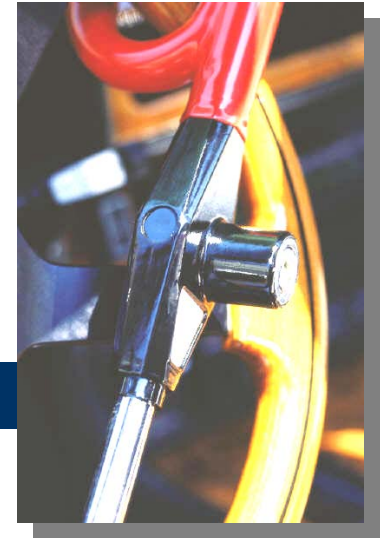
- Get three estimates
- Ask for insurance and references
- Ask your neighbors for references
- Consider what you are protecting
- Bells are a deterrent
- Make sure the alarm is monitored & maintained

Auto Theft



- 2-3 Cars are stolen in Berkeley each day
- Over 90% are recovered in the first 90 days
- Popular models are Honda & Toyota
- Most auto thefts are preventable, all it takes is a little effort on your part to secure your vehicle and make it less tempting to thieves

Auto Theft Prevention



- Supplemental steering wheel locks are the number one deterrent to theft
- Car alarms/ignition Locks
- Park in a well lit area
- Don't park car where it's not visible

Personal Security



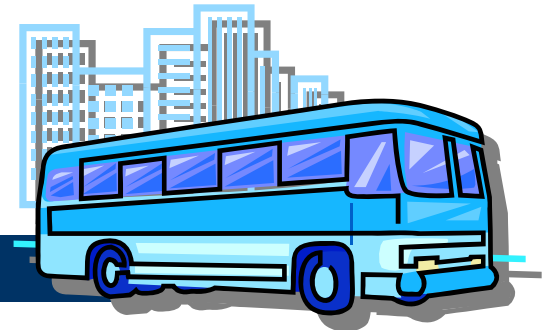
- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings
- Think about “What if...”
- Stay away from isolated areas
- Travel on well lit streets

Personal Security (Walking)



- Walk confidently and make eye contact
- When ever possible, travel in groups
- Walk close to the curb
- Stay in well lit areas
- Hold purse or briefcase close to your body
- Do not become distracted on the phone or listening to music

Personal Security (Riding)



- Avoid isolated Bus Stops
- Have your money ready
- Don't flash your jewelry or cash
- During off-hours sit next to driver or call phone
- Be alert
- Carry wallet inside jacket or front of pants

Cons & Swindles

- Home Improvement
- Charities
- Obituary Columns
- Get Rich Quick Schemes
- Internet Scams
- “If it sound to good ...”



Ask your Police Department



- Personnel Safety Presentations
- Residential & Commercial Security Surveys Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Crime Statistics
- Neighborhood Watch