



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

With the recent residential burglaries that have occurred in Warren Township throughout Somerset County and in northern New Jersey, the Warren Township Police Department would like to take this opportunity to advise our residents of the current burglary trends and how to lessen the possibility of being a victim.

We believe the new style burglary crews currently spread out through New Jersey are affiliated with career burglars who typically strike between 7pm and 12am (midnight). They work in groups of 2-4 persons operating expensive vehicles which would not typically stand out in your neighborhood. Entry into homes has been gained by shouldering exterior doors or smashing rear glass doors. Additionally, power boxes have been tampered with or ripped off the exterior of the residences. The actor(s) are sometimes in the residence for several minutes ransacking numerous rooms, closets, desks, and dressers (etc) looking for anything of value.

With this in mind what can YOU do to keep your home safe?

1. Install quality door locks and dead bolts to all exterior doors of your home.
2. If you do not have one or both, install an alarm system and surveillance cameras on the exterior and interior of your home. Make sure the alarm is monitored by a central station that will immediately notify the police first of an activation. Additionally, when you install cameras, ensure that the system has street, driveway, and perimeter views as well as the interior near all entrances of the home. If you already have these systems make sure you activate them accordingly. When having these systems installed or updated we suggest you have a battery/cellular back up in place as well as remote monitoring capabilities available.
3. Install motion lights on the perimeter of your property and make sure the exterior of your home is always well lit during all night time hours.
4. Communicate with your neighbors. Advise them when you're going on vacation

or extended weekend trips so they can monitor your home, mail and any activity that may be out of the ordinary.

5. DO NOT post on any social media sites that you are on vacation and for how long. We advise that you post any pictures/events from your trip after you return home.
6. Add your home to the Warren Township Police Department "Vacant House List" when you go on vacation or extended weekend trips. Once on the list, your home will be specifically checked by the patrol division in your absence. Refer to warrenpolice.com for the vacant house list form.
7. DO NOT leave your keys in your vehicle or leave it unlocked at anytime while parked in your driveway.
8. Report ANY and ALL suspicious activity you may see in your neighborhood, no matter how minor it may appear.

As always, the Warren Township Police Department remains willing and ready to assist our residents in any way we can. If you would like to have a security survey performed at your home, please contact Lt. Eric Yaccarino at 908-753-1000.

