

Garage

- Cover the windows in your garage so people cannot look inside
- Never leave your overhead garage door open. This gives individuals an opportunity to check out the contents of your garage
- Install an indoor swinging, solid wood or metal door with a good quality deadbolt on the man door.
- Keep your garage locked at all times, especially if it is attached to your home
- Never leave your automatic garage door opener in a vehicle that is parked outside your home
- Lock your car even when it is in the garage



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Crime Prevention Tips:



Exterior Security

Here are some simple and easy tips on how to increase the security of your home

Doors

- Install security rated locks on all doors. A good quality deadbolt lock should have a 2.5 cm (1 inch) throw. The strike plate should have at least two 8-10 cm (3-4 inch) screws installed
- Use the door locks. Keep doors locked even when at home
- Exterior doors should be made of metal or solid wood. Glass or hollow core doors should be avoided
- If your home has a glass panel within one meter of an exterior door, install a shatter resistant film on the glass or install security bars
- Install a 180 degree door viewer
- Never hide spare keys outside your home



Windows

- Close and lock all windows when you are not at home
- Consider replacing ordinary window glass with tempered, laminated, or wire-reinforced glass or with plastic



- For extra protection, “pin” your windows. Drill a 0.5 cm hole through the inside frame and into (but not through) the outside frame of the window. Secure the window by placing a large screw through the hole. Ensure the pins can be easily removed in event of an emergency
- Keep windows and doors clear of all obstructions such as large bushes and shrubs
- Basement windows are often an easy target. Install anti-lift, anti-slide devices or security bars with a quick release mechanism in case of a fire

Yards

- Ensure your fence and gate are in good repair. Keep your gate locked at all times. Install privacy slats in chain link fences
- Plant spiky plants under windows to deter intruders
- Never leave ladders, garbage cans, or large lawn furniture in your yard. These items could be used to reach the higher windows of your home
- Use motion sensitive lights near doors or in dark areas of your yard. Intruders do not like light
- Eliminate hiding spots in your yard by trimming bushes and shrubs to a height of 60 cm (2 feet) and large trees to 1.5 m (5 feet)

