

# Burglary Prevention Tips

Salisbury Police  
Department

## Don't Become A Burglary Victim

Following a few simple steps will reduce the chances of someone entering your home and taking your property.

### Exterior Doors

- Exterior doors should be metal or solid wood.
- Use strong door hinges with non-removable or hidden pins.
- 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

- Use strong locks.
- Always keep doors and windows locked, even if you are home or gone for a short time.
- Use quality knobs and deadbolts. Look for a deadbolt with a bolt that extends at least one inch when in locked position and has hardened steel inserts.

### Sliding Glass Doors

- Install keyed locking devices that secure the

door to the frame

- Adjust the track clearances on the doors so they cannot be pushed out of their tracks
- Put a piece of wood or a metal bar in the track to prevent the door from being opened.

### Windows

Most standard double-hung windows have thumb-turn locks between the two panels. DON'T rely on these. An inexpensive way to secure these windows is to use the "pin" trick. 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 cannot be opened until you remove the nail.

### Air Conditioners

Window air conditioning units should be bolted to the wall to prevent them from being easily removed from the outside.

### Going on Vacation?

Complete *Dwellings Temporarily Vacant* form online at [www.salisburypd.com](http://www.salisburypd.com) on the Crime Prevention page or at SPD and officers may make patrol checks of your residence as time permits.

### Report Suspicious Activity-

No police department can function effectively without assistance from its citizens. We are depending on you to call and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions. Examples:

- ◆ A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- ◆ Offers of merchandise at low prices may be stolen.
- ◆ Anyone peering into or removing accessories from a car.
- ◆ Person(s) entering or leaving a business after hours.
- ◆ The sound of breaking glass could mean an accident, housebreaking, or vandalizing.
- ◆ Person(s) loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas may be dangerous.
- ◆ And the list goes on. If something seems out of place or out of the ordinary, it might be considered suspicious and should be reported.



If you would like to have someone from Salisbury Police Department conduct a security survey of your home or business call Community Affairs at 410-548-3165

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Additional information on Crime Prevention can be found on the agency's website [www.salisburypd.com](http://www.salisburypd.com) on the Crime Prevention page. Go to the Crime Statistics page every week to look see what criminal activity is taking place in your neighborhood.

Please take the time to give the Salisbury Police Department constructive feedback that will assist us in better serving you.