

## Additional Security Devices to Install



Home Alarm System



Security Lighting



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Strike Latch Plates



The Hollywood Police Department's Crime Prevention Specialists provide free Residential & Business Security Surveys.

Surveys provide crime prevention best practices, and information on devices to help secure your property and prevent you from becoming a victim.

For more information on crime prevention practices or to schedule a free Home or Business Security Survey contact the Hollywood Police Department Public Affairs, Crime Prevention Unit 954.967.4371

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## Crime Prevention Tips



The Hollywood Police Department urges residents, visitors and business owners to partner with police to "target harden" their property and vehicles.

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## SECURING YOUR HOME, BUSINESS AND VEHICLE

The Hollywood Police Department urges residents to join our crime prevention efforts and "target harden" your homes and vehicles.

The term, "target harden," refers to the strengthening of the security of a building or vehicle to prevent unauthorized entry and reduce the risk of theft.

Making your home and business safe from crime starts with properly locked doors and windows, proper home security lighting, maintained landscaping and practicing home security tips.

Closing curtains and blinds during evening hours target hardens your home by making it more difficult for criminals to see your belongings, like flat screen TVs and artwork.

Sliding glass doors should have either a lock-pin system, rod and/or "Charlie Bar" placed in the track to prevent entry.

Install additional locks on windows and sliding glass doors besides the factory installed locks. This can be as simple as using a pin system so the window cannot be opened unless the pin is removed from the inside.

Target harden your vehicles by locking the doors, not leaving any valuables in plain view and/or removing all valuables entirely. When it comes to your vehicle be sure not to leave purses, wallets, computers, cell phones, money, change, sunglasses, book bags, garage door openers, etc. in your vehicle.

## PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY

- Lock your doors & windows.
- If you have an alarm system, use it.
- Avoid making valuables visible from windows & doors.
- Don't announce you will be away on social network sites or answering machines.
- Set an automatic timer for your lights when you're away.
- Ask a trustworthy neighbor to keep an eye on your home when you're away.

### Lighting

- Install exterior security lighting around the perimeter of your home.
- Leave outside lights on after dark. Use motion detecting, dusk to dawn, solar and/or flood lights.
- Make sure all entries, porches, driveways, backyards and patio areas have security lighting.

### Landscaping

- Keep landscaping trimmed and well maintained to limit hiding places.
- For large amounts of landscaping, consider installing extra lighting to compensate for darkness.
- Make sure your landscaping does not obstruct lighting fixtures.

### Additional Security

- Install a double deadbolt lock with 1 inch throw.
- Install a "Strike Latch Plate" on entry doors to prevent doors from being pried open.
- Install a "Charlie Bar" to secure sliding glass doors and prevent the door from opening. Consider purchasing a bar equipped with an alarm.

- Install a doorknob/glass vibration sensor on your entry doors and windows to provide additional alerts if someone is tampering with your doorknob.
- Never leave house keys outside "hidden" under a flower pot, door mat or in the mailbox.

## PROTECTING YOUR VEHICLE

- Keep your vehicle doors locked and windows closed.
- Don't leave valuables in plain site in your vehicle.
- Place items out of sight BEFORE reaching your destination. Someone may be watching you park and put valuables under the seat or in the trunk. The moment you're gone, a thief could break in.
- Never leave your purse unattended in your vehicle, especially when pumping gas.
- Avoid leaving packages or shopping bags in your vehicle. If you are leaving your vehicle unattended and you can't take your valuables with you, lock them in the trunk or in a locked glove compartment.
- Always park in busy, well lit areas where there is a lot of activity.
- Engage your vehicle alarm or anti-theft device. Thieves usually look for easy targets and if you have an alarm, it acts as a deterrent.
- Never leave spare keys in your vehicle. Store spare keys in your wallet, purse or with a trusted neighbor.
- Do not leave garage door openers in your vehicle, especially while parked in your driveway.