have you seen anyone suspicious?

If you do see a suspicious person or action, call the authorities immediately and answer all questions asked. Do not hang up.

Give an identifying description of the suspicious person, such as:

- Sex __________________________
- Race __________________________
- Height __________________________
- Weight __________________________
- Age __________________________
- Hair / Facial hair __________________________
- Clothing __________________________
- Auto make, model, color __________________________
- License plate number __________________________

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burglary: a preventable crime

Every year, more than 2.1 million burglaries are reported to law enforcement authorities. These account for 21% of property crimes in the United States. On average, one burglary results in a financial loss of $1,725. [1]

However, many of these crimes are completely preventable. With a small amount of preparation, you too can thwart would-be burglars.

1. check your locks
   In almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves enter through unlocked doors or windows. [2] Commit to locking every door and window every time you’re not home.

2. secure obvious entrances
   94% of successful burglars enter through the ground floor. 70% enter through the front or back door. [3] Concentrate your efforts on making these areas as secure as possible.
   Consider installing:
   - Flood lights on every entry door.
   - Dead-bolts on every entry door.
   - Peep holes on every entry door.

3. make your place look occupied
   Burglars prefer to target residences that are unoccupied. [4] Create the illusion that you’re home by:
   - Setting interior lights, TVs and stereos on timers. [5]
   - Parking your spare vehicle in your driveway instead of your garage.
   - Alerting the post office if you’re going on vacation so your mail doesn’t pile up.

4. ditch the hidden key
   That spare key under your doormat is a free pass to any would-be thief. Instead, give your spare key to a neighbor you trust.

5. consider getting an alarm system
   In a survey of 400+ career burglars, 83% said they would determine if an alarm was present before attempting a burglary. [6] If you’re seriously concerned about the safety of your home, a home security system can be a powerful deterrent.

6. they’ll be back
   If you’re unlucky enough to be burgled, be aware. 76% of burglars return within 30 days to attempt another burglary. [7]
   If you’ve been burgled, change your locks, lock your doors and windows, make your residence appear as occupied as possible and consider getting an alarm system.