



# ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Burglary Prevention Tips

SECOND DISTRICT

- **Lock** all windows and doors when you leave your home, even if you will only be gone for a short time AND at night.
- Install quality **dead bolt** locks with one inch bolt lengths on each door in your home.
- Use an **alarm** and/or **camera** system. While no system will make your home 100 percent safe, a quality alarm and/or camera system can be an excellent crime deterrent.
- **Illuminate** your residence at night and regularly replace bulbs. Use timers and motion detectors if possible.
- Secure pet doors, ventilation **windows** and other entrances to your home.



- If you are going out of town, **stop** mail and newspaper deliveries or have a trusted neighbor or friend pick them up in order to avoid the appearance you are out of town.
- Don't leave spare **keys** in recognizable spots.
- **Call** police if you see any suspicious activities.
- Don't leave **valuables** visible to those outside your home.
- Do **NOT** announce your absence on voicemail, e-mail, or social media sites!

## In case of emergency, dial 911

You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's Web site at [www.slmpr.org](http://www.slmpr.org) and clicking on "Crime Prevention."

**DON'T HESITATE TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO OUR NON- EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (314)231-1212**

You can report anonymous tips regarding these thefts to CrimeStoppers. Remember, crime doesn't pay, but CrimeStoppers does.

**CrimeStoppers Tip Hotline:**

**1-866-371-TIPS (8477)**