

# HOME

## SECURITY 101



### EXTERIOR LIGHTS

- Keep the outside of your home well-lit at night (front porch, driveway, side, backyard). **A good rule of thumb is an overhead light for every exterior door.** Exterior lights can be equipped with dusk to dawn lighting or motion lighting. Motion lights are available with high-quality cameras that can provide an alert when there is movement outside your home.

The best defense against crime is **YOU!** Take measures to actively protect yourself and your property.



### HOUSEHOLD ENTRANCES

- Properly lock all doors and windows. This includes exterior screen and glass doors, and home access doors from the garage and screened in porch.
- Help emergency services easily identify your address by installing reflective numbers at least four inches in height under an exterior light close to the front door or above the garage door.



## HOUSEHOLD EXTERIOR

- The number one entry point for home burglary is through an open garage door. Garage doors should always be closed (even when mowing the grass or working in the yard).
- Do not leave valuables inside vehicles (including remote garage door openers). If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk or hide them from plain sight.
- Maintain landscaping around your residence. Shrubbery and trees should not block the view of doors and windows, or provide a hiding place for thieves.
- Home security and “beware of dog” signage can be a deterrent even if you don’t have a dog or a home security system.
- Increase security by installing home security cameras.

Create a checklist from the items listed. This will help instill responsibility in all members of the household to take responsibility for making your home safe.

In the event of a suspicious person/active situation, call Dispatch at 969.7390 or 911.

Call 969.1708 for more information on crime prevention.

