# MOST RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES OCCUR WHEN DOORS OR WINDOWS ARE LEFT UNLOCKED.

# TIME TO CHECK AND LOCK YOUR DOORS.

CAUTION: POLICE LINE · DO NOT CROSS

## OTHER TIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WEBSITE BELOW.

PREVENTION..

For more information, scan the QR code or visit: www.tucsonaz.gov/police/crime-prevention

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### **Vacation Checklist**

In addition to our other suggestions, please consider the following before you go on vacation.

### **DOORS and WINDOWS**

- Inspect locks and deadbolts for wear or damage.
- Secure sliding glass doors and sliding windows with a dowel or bar.

### LIGHTING

- Have several lights on timers that are set to come on in different rooms at different times.
- Replace burned out light bulbs.
- Consider installing motion-sensing lights

### OUTSIDE

- Complete yard work before you leave.
- | Trim trees and bushes to eliminate hiding places.
- Put ladders and tools away.

#### KEYS

- Provide a spare key to a trusted family member or friend.
- Remove any keys you have hidden outside

### SERVICES

- Suspend newspaper delivery.
- Have your mail held at the Post Office.

## MAKE YOUR HOME APPEAR OCCUPIED..

- ☐ Have someone you know park in your driveway.
- Have a friend regularly check your home for debris and other clues that you aren't home.
- Arrange to have your trash put out and brought in.
- Avoid leaving notes or phone messages announcing that you are gone.
- Never announce your vacation plans on social media.

## Crime Prevention Awareness



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### Personal Safety

Always walk with authority, displaying an air of confidence and purpose of destination.

Always be aware of your surroundings.

#### AVOID

- Walking alone, if possible.
- Listening to loud music while wearing headphones or earbuds.
- Heavily overgrown areas (trees, weeds, shrubbery, et cetera).
- Alleys and less traveled side streets.
- Dark doorways, hallways, and parking lots.
- Deserted parks, warehouse and industrial areas.

## WHEN APPROACHING YOUR CAR

- Have your keys ready before approaching your car.
- Look inside before getting in, checking the front and rear seat areas for an intruder.

### WHILE DRIVING

- Lock doors immediately upon entering even before placing your key in ignition.
- Keep all doors locked
- Keep windows rolled up, if possible.
- Never pick up hitchhikers
- If you choose to stop to render assistance in an emergency, be wary and use caution.
- When giving your car keys to parking lot or carwash attendants - always keep your house keys.



A Public Service Message from the TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HIDE ALL VALUABLES

# **Avoiding Theft from Your Vehicle**

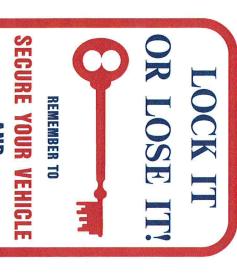
#### **ALWAYS**

- Lock your car doors and windows at all times.
- Park in busy, well-lit areas
- Remove your valuables especially firearms from your vehicle.
- If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside.
- Lock your car even when it's in your garage.

#### NEVER

- Leave your car running unattended.
- Leave your house or car keys in your car.
- Leave anything of value in plain view always lock valuables out of sight in the trunk.
- Leave a firearm in your vehicle, <u>especially</u> <u>overnight</u>.





Most of the residential burglaries that occur in the United States each year are committed without force when criminals enter through unlocked doors and windows.

- Use strong, quality locks for all of the doors of your home: garage, basement, patio, storage area, or guesthouse.
- Use metal or solid wood doors.
- Use deadbolts with at least a 1-inch throw on all exterior doors.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer on all entry doors.
- Even if you're going to be gone for "just a minute," <u>always secure your home</u>.
- Secure the access to side and rear yards.
- Make landscaping work for you trim trees and bushes so that neighbors and the police can see your doors and windows.
- Plant cactus and thorny plants to keep criminals away from your windows.
- Clearly display your house number so emergency personnel can find you; both in front and to the rear of your home.

If you do find that someone has broken into your home, call 911 immediately.



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