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- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Leave lights on when you go out.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors. They are more reliable.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.
- Lawn mowers, snow blowers, barbecues and bicycles are best stored out of sight.
- Always lock your sheds and garages.
- Use curtains on garage and basement windows.
- Change locks immediately if your keys are lost or stolen.
- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- An alarm system is excellent for home security. If you have one- USE IT!
- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.
- Join your neighborhood block watch.
- Do not leave items in plain view in your vehicle.

- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including photographs.
- If possible, engrave your valuable items. mark your property with your State ID and Driver's License with a prefix of the issuing state (Example CT XXXXXXXX).
- Display a sticker that tells potential burglars that your property is marked.

- Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.
- Use a neighbor's phone to call police.
- Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.
- Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.
- Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.