BECOME INVOLVED
PREVENT CRIME THROUGH
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
South Weber City Neighborhood Watch

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Environmental Design

A criminal is looking for a potential victim; does your home attract or deter a criminal’s interest?

Through exterior design of both landscaping and lighting you can help to deter criminal activity in and around your home.

Well-maintained lawns and landscape show that you attend to your home carefully.

1. Do shrubs, bushes, or trees provide a good hiding place especially near entrances?
2. Do you have sufficient lighting around your home?
3. Are there streetlights that help light your neighborhood?
4. Do you have tall trees that provide a ladder to second story windows?
5. Do you have a fence that helps deter entrance to your property?
6. Does your fence provide good concealment for a criminal?
7. Do you leave tools out for criminals to use against you?

Hints on Environmental Design

1. Trim trees and shrubs away from entrances.
2. Low voltage, timed, or photosensitive lighting can be cost effective and provides an effective
   solution.
3. Talk to your city engineers about proper lighting.
4. Keep trees trimmed away from your home.
5. Chain link fencing can provide security and still allow clear visibility.
6. Motion sensitive yard lighting can deter entrance into fenced areas.
7. Put tools away; pliers, screwdrivers and yard tools can be useful to criminals.

Entrances

There are two common entrances to homes; windows and doors.

Doors

1. Does your home have hollow core exterior doors?
2. Do you have sliding glass doors that provide only one lock?
3. Does your home have a back door?
4. Does your home have a garage with an interior entrance door?
5. Does your home have a pet door?
6. Do any of the doors on your home have decorative sidelights?
7. Do you leave your garage open when you run next door?

Hints on Doors

1. Exterior doors should be solid core (hollow core doors are easily kicked in).
2. Sliding glass doors with only one lock can usually be lifted off track and removed. A simple bar lock can resolve this
   problem.
3. Back doors are usually unlit and bidden. Motion lights and a good dead bolt lock can deter criminals.
4. An electric garage door alone is not a good security measure. A bolt lock should also be used on interior entrance
   doors.
5. Pet doors are usually too small for criminals but they allow small children to enter and open doors for adults.
6. Decorative sidelights can easily be broken. A double cylinder dead bolt should be used on these doors.
7. Close and secure your home when you leave it unattended; criminals work very fast.

Windows

1. Does your home have windows without screens?
2. Does your home have windows that are left open for ventilation?
3. Does your home have burglar bars on windows?
4. Does your home have secondary locks on windows?
Hints on Windows
1. Screened windows can slow a criminal trying to enter your home.
2. Unsecured windows are an open invitation "for a criminal to enter your home.
3. Burglar bars provide security from criminals entering your home but can also hinder your escape in an emergency.
4. Secondary window locks are an inexpensive and safe way to add security to your home.

Possessions
Possessions are the reason a criminal wants to enter your home.
1. Do you have valuable items in your home?
2. Can you remember every item in your house?
3. Are all of the items in your home specifically identifiable as yours?
4. Do you keep family heirlooms and expensive jewels in your jewelry box on display?

Hints on Possessions
1. Create a list of descriptions including all serial numbers from your possessions.
2. Record or photograph all items in your home. A photograph is worth a thousand words. Take photos of each room and its contents.
3. Mark all possessions with your social security number, driver's license number and state.
4. Put inexpensive jewelry in the jewel box on display. Place the valuables in plain paper boxes away from the jewel box. (Better yet, lock them up!)

Do's and Don'ts for Having a Safe and Secure Home
1. Do note anyone you think is suspicious in or around your home.
2. Do not leave unfamiliar persons (repairmen etc.) in your home alone.
3. Do not leave notes or other signs on your door detailing your whereabouts and times away from home.
4. Do not leave detailed messages about your vacation or times away from home on your answering machine.
5. Do call police about suspicious persons, vehicles or activities.
6. Do set up a Neighborhood Watch program in your neighborhood.

Safe Homes Create Save Neighborhoods.
Work with trusted neighbors and friends to create a safe and secure neighborhood for all who live in or visit your community.

To set up a Neighborhood Watch program or for further help, call:

Davis County Sheriffs Office
451-4150 or 451-4100