



MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
BURGLARY ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY TEAM
BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS



- **USE YOUR LOCKS.** Install solid entry doors and good deadbolt locks on all exterior doors, and remember: even the best locks can't protect you if you don't use them.
- **LET THERE BE LIGHT.** Install bright outdoor lighting with motion detection that will come on if someone is walking around your home or towards the outside entrances. Keep outdoor lights on at night.
- **DO SOME YARD WORK.** Keep bushes and trees trimmed so branches don't block lighting and burglars can't hide out. Make sure you can see into your yard and neighbors can see your house.
- **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS.** Neighbors who look out for each other are among the best, and least expensive, defenses against neighborhood crimes.
- **IF YOU HAVE AN ALARM SYSTEM, USE IT!** Post warning signs or window decals on your property.
- **MARK YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY.** Keep an updated inventory list with model and serial numbers (and photos if possible) in a home safe or a bank safe deposit box.
- **DON'T LET STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOME.** Even if they are hurt or say they need help. Keep the door locked and call the police for them.
- **DON'T BE AFRAID TO CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT.** Notify authorities about suspicious circumstances, unusual people, or strange noises and/or activities. It's better to be safe than sorry.
- **DO NOT ENTER!** If you arrive home and your door is open, or things appear to be out of place, or if you suspect an intruder in inside, LEAVE AND CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!