



Doors

- Use deadbolt locks that extend at least 1 inch into the strike plate.
- All entrance doors should have a solid core.
- Locks on the inside of the door should be at least 40 inches from glass.
- **Locks must be re-keyed after you move in.**
- Choose solid wood or steel doors; a hollow wood door can be easily kicked in.

Windows

- Curtains or blinds should fully cover windows.
- Windows left open for ventilation should be secured.
- Basement windows should have security bars
- Make sure the area around windows is free from concealment. If not, cut back shrubs or trees that block a clear view.

Exterior

- Your house number should be easily visible from the street.
- Make sure doorways are well lit.
- If your home is equipped with an air conditioner placed within a window frame, make sure it is secured from inside the residence. If the air conditioner is secured from outside, a burglar could remove the air conditioner and gain access to the residence.

Garage Doors

- Upgrade your fixed-code to a remote system with a control unit.
- Equip your garage door with a locking device in addition to the garage door opener (for example: hasps and padlocks on the outside and inside).
- Keep the garage closed at all times; sometimes garages contain tools that can be used to open the connecting door to your house.
- The outside swing door entrance to your garage must be equipped with appropriate locks.

Apartments

- Open lobby doors only for people you know.
- **When moving in, have the locks re-keyed.**
- Use only your initials and last name to identify yourself on the lobby list.