

## RESIDENTIAL:

- Ensure that all doors and windows are locked and secured before leaving your home;
- Close blinds and drapes when not at home to prevent criminals from looking for activity in your home;
- We strongly encourage residence to equip their home and/or apartment with a comprehensive home security system;
- Be mindful of individuals who knock on your door and ring the doorbell. Criminals do this to see if you are home. If you don't answer, they break-in; and
- A home and/or apartment equipped with a camera system is a great help to police if your home or neighbors home is burglarized.

## **BUSINESS:**

- We strongly encourage that all doors and windows are locked and secured before leaving your business after hours;
- When a business is closed, secure all valuable merchandise in a safe or rear

- room. Avoid displaying your merchandise in the window. This is an easy target for a "smash-and-grab";
- Equip your business with a high quality alarm and camera system. Familiarize your employees with your security system and procedures; and
- Be prepared to provide system footage to your local law enforcement officer or detective.

### **FOR PET OWNERS:**

- Dogs deter burglars!!
- Doggie doors that allow your pets to go outside and enjoy the comfort of your home could also grant access to a burglar;
- Use the lock on the pet door at night and when you are away from home;
- Lock gates. Secure your backyard so it is more difficult for a burglar to get to your pet door; and
- Consider motion-sensing lights which can deter burglars by startling them.



#### **MORE SAFETY TIPS:**

- Be extra cautious! Lock your doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes;
- When leaving your home for an extended period of time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspaper and mail;
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer. Leave a radio or television on so the house looks and sounds occupied;
- Know your neighbors and what cars are regularly parked in your neighborhood and business area; and
- Report suspicious activities and individuals to your local law enforcement agency.



#### In case of emergency, dial 911

For non-emergencies, you may contact the Los Angeles Police Department at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired. LAPD Crime Hotline at 1-877-LAPD 247 or 1-877-527-3247

You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department's Web site at www.lapdonline.org and clicking on "Prevent Crime."

Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or activity, please contact your local police station or the LAPD crime hotline at 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855).



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