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A burglary is the unlawfully entry into a building or dwelling with the intent to commit a crime therein.

Whether you are a business owner or home owner, being a victim of a burglary can be devastating to ones psychological, moral and economic welfare. If you, your family or your business are victims of a burglary, it may take years to get back on your feet. Victims of burglary in the United States suffer from billions of dollars of lost property each year.

Burglars may strike any community or business district and surprisingly it does not matter the time of day.

There are methods through deterrence to prevent yourself, your family or your business from being a victim of a burglary.

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There are a few simple measures that one can take to prevent being a victim of a burglary. Here are a few strategies:

### **Know your community**

Perhaps the best strategy to preventing a burglary from not only your home but any home in your community is knowing your community. Be observant of who is supposed to be there so when something is out of place, it catches your attention. Take mental notes of a certain individual or vehicle that looks suspicious based on your natural intuition. Many burglaries and even more serious crimes have been solved and prevented by alert citizens of the

community contacting the police due to their keen awareness and instinct telling them there is trouble. Burglars will often do surveillance on the community in which they look to victimize and look for the weakest link. Take a few seconds each day to just look and observe. As humans we all have a sixth sense to recognize danger. When it comes to burglary prevention, take a step back from your daily routine and get to know your community.

### **Lock your doors!**

Burglars do not discriminate. They will strike any community at any time. There is no such thing as a "safe neighborhood" from a desperate criminal. In fact, safe and peaceful communities are often commonplace for burglars to strike. Get in the habit of locking the doors to your residence or place of business when you leave.

### **Alarm system**

Alarms are an excellent way to guard a facility and deter burglars by monitoring the situation and notifying an alarm response agent or the local police department. Not only will an audible alarm scare the potential burglar away, but your local police department will immediately be in route. Even having a sign that a specific residence or business is protected by an alarm system may deter a burglar from victimizing.

### **Video surveillance**

Video surveillance may not only be helpful at catching the burglar, but it may make you aware of previous unsuccessful attempts or instances where the burglars were casing out your residence or place of employment. If cameras are visible, they will act as a major deterrent. Many individuals may even place a visible fake

camera just for that reason.

### **Have a good relationship with your local Police Department**

Whether you are aware of it or not, there have been burglaries that have happened in your community. Having a positive relationship with your local Police Department will give you insight on description of suspects, vehicles or the modus operandi of the suspect. Try to follow your local PD on Facebook or Twitter and check their website for information. In the community policing era of policing, local police departments are doing a great job and are better than ever at relaying this information to their respective communities as long as it doesn't tamper with their criminal investigation.

### **Create or join a community Facebook page**

Community Facebook pages can provide a lot of insight into happenings of the neighborhood. One can become aware of suspicious activity on the page. However, don't rely completely on the page. Notify your local PD if you observe something suspicious in your community.

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