

### Safes

Safes should be used for firearms, cash, jewelry, and other items you do not use regularly; however, do not rely solely on a safe. Safes with exposed hinges are more vulnerable to attack. All safes should be bolted down to the floor/foundation to prevent them from being taken.

### Do Not Leave Valuables in Plain Sight

Tools, weed whackers, lawn mowers, and golf clubs are favorite targets for thieves and frequently left unsecured in open garages and carports. Never leave wallets, purses, etc. unattended in your car or in a shopping cart even for a short period.

### Garage Doors

Keep doors shut/locked when you are not around. An open garage door provides easy access to items in the garage as well as access to your house. Doors leading to your house from the garage should be treated as exterior doors. *(See section on doors.)*

### Lighting

Perimeter/outdoor lighting is a recommended security/safety measure. Darkness is concealment for an intruder. Lights with motion detectors are inexpensive and relatively easy to install. When you are not home, leave some interior lights on. A house in darkness is more appealing to intruders.

### Know Your Neighbors and Their Vehicles

Report any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood immediately to the police by calling 911.

### Start a Neighborhood Security Watch

This a great way to get to know your neighbors and the police in your area.



## Important Contact Numbers

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District 2 [Wahiawa Station] Burglary-Theft Detail	723-8706
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District 3 [Pearl City Station] Burglary-Theft Detail	723-8809
District 4 [Kaneohe Station] Office	723-8640
District 4 [Kaneohe Station] Burglary-Theft Detail	723-8628
District 4 [Kailua Station] Office	723-8838
District 4 [Kailua Station] Burglary-Theft Detail	723-8852
District 4 [Kahuku Station] Office	723-8650
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District 7 [East Honolulu] Office	723-3369
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# RESIDENTIAL SECURITY TIPS

## HOME BURGLARY AND THEFT PREVENTION

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## *Aloha!*

Having your home burglarized is a traumatic and frustrating experience, not to mention the loss of valuables and damage to property.

Although burglary is a property crime, it is unique in that the victim has something taken away that is difficult to replace—the feeling of safety and security in one's own home.

There are several things you can do to lessen the chances that you will become a victim. Many of the following recommendations are relatively easy and inexpensive. The more that you do to prevent your home from being burglarized, the less likely you are to become a statistic.

Please take the time to read the information in this pamphlet. Together we can make a difference and reduce crime in you neighborhood.



## SECURITY TIPS FOR HOME

### Alarms

Alarm systems are good deterrents and are recommended. Obtain several estimates from established alarm companies. Find a system that fits your needs and budget.

### Doors

Exterior doors should be solid core wood or metal. Door hinges for all exterior doors should be on the home's interior or have non-removable pins.

### Door Locks

Double deadbolt locks (key on both sides) are the most secure type of locks for doors. Three-inch screws should be used to secure the strike plate to the door frame. The deadbolt should extend at least one inch into the door frame. Caution: If you use a double deadbolt, always have a key readily available in the event of an emergency.

### Peepholes

If you do not have a window near your front door, have a peephole installed. If you do not recognize the person, ask what he/she wants without opening the door. If you are suspicious, call the police at 911. ***Never open the door for strangers.***

### Sliding Glass Doors and Windows

Sliding glass doors and windows can be lifted or pried off of tracks. To prevent this, a wood bar or anti-lift plate can be easily installed to the upper track. Various types of locking devices are available at hardware stores or from locksmiths. Charlie bars or bars that can be lowered into place at the end of a sliding glass door or window to prevent opening (similar to a broomstick in the track) are also recommended.

### Louvered Windows

Louvered windows are intended for ventilation, not security. The most common way burglars enter into homes in Hawaii is by removing individual louvers. Louvers can easily be glued to the louver frame with silicon glue or epoxy cement. Ask your local hardware store for recommendations. Make sure windows are closed tightly when no one is home and close windows at night. If ventilation is needed, close the bottom set and only open the top set. Try to keep windows/louvers clean.

Metal bars and grills can make windows secure, but they can be expensive and may not appeal to everyone. If bars are used, make sure a quick release mechanism is installed to ensure the bars can be opened from the inside in the event of an emergency.

### Plants, Shrubbery, Walls and Fences

If your doors and windows cannot be seen by neighbors or from the street, neither can intruders. Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed low or away from doors and windows. Walls and fences create an obstacle for intruders, but they also provide concealment for them. Privacy may compromise security. Design your wall or fence to allow the exterior areas of your home to be visible.

### Inventory Your Property

Document the make, model, and serial numbers of tools, electronics, appliances, etc. Obtain full descriptions of jewelry and, if possible, photograph expensive jewelry. Engrave your favorite numbers, date, or initials on the items. Engraver's tools are inexpensive and can be found at most hardware stores or may be borrowed from most police stations.