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Davidson Police Department Offers Burglary Prevention Tips *Summer months see uptick in residential break-ins*

DAVIDSON, N.C. – The Davidson Police Department wants the local community, especially those who live in Davidson, to take precautions against burglaries. Residential break-ins typically see an increase during the summer months, as well as during the holiday season. As the current school year concludes and families take vacations, it is important to follow some simple, yet critical, steps to lessen the likelihood that a thief will find their way into your residence.

Burglary Basics

- If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Suspend daily deliveries of mail, newspapers, or flyers while you are away. Arrange with the U.S. Post Office to hold your mail or arrange for a friend or neighbor to collect the mail regularly.
- Have your lawn mowed if you are going away for an extended time and have your trees & shrubs trimmed so that neither will be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Do not post your travel plans or real time vacation photos online. Real time posting alerts potential thieves that you are not home. Wait till you return to post those beautiful pictures!
- Install adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards, driveways, and approaches to the front door.

Don't tempt a thief!

- Store lawn mowers, weed eaters, barbecue grills, and bicycles out of sight.
- Always lock your garden sheds and garages.

Other Precautions

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes, or in other “secret” hiding places. Burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, dates of purchase and original values, and serial numbers. Keep a copy of the inventory in a safe place away from the home. This is a good precaution in case of fire or other disaster. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Contact your insurance company who can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.

Should your home be broken into, call 911 immediately! Do not enter the home; do not touch anything or clean up until the police have collected evidence. Write down the license plate numbers of suspicious vehicles if you see them, and note the descriptions of any suspicious persons (but do NOT approach them).

The Davidson Police Department offers a free Home Security Check, and residents can sign up for this service by clicking [HERE](#) and completing the form.

A complete tip sheet is available on the website by visiting: www.townofdavidson.org/policetips

For non-emergencies, the Davidson Police Department can be reached at 7-04-892-5131 during normal business hours.

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