



ROSELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME PREVENTION

Protect Yourself and Your Property from Crime!



1. **DOORS:** The most common means of entry for burglars. Try to keep them locked as often as possible, even if you are in the backyard.
2. **WINDOWS:** Make sure they too are locked. It is very easy for a burglar to gain entry through an unlocked window. Garage windows are just as important, especially if your garage is attached. Use additional mechanisms, like wire bars or burglarproof glass on rear windows. Placing alarm decals on these windows is always a good idea
3. **STREET ADDRESS:** The more visible your home address numbers are the faster police and fire departments can get to your home. The address numbers should be no less than 3 inches in height.
4. **STREETLIGHTS:** A good deterrent to burglary. Report non-working streetlights to your local public works.
5. **EXTERIOR LIGHTS:** Another good deterrent to burglars, vandals, peeping toms, and prowlers. Invest in motion or sensor lights.
6. **SIGNS DECALS AND STICKERS:** Neighborhood Watch, Operation I.D. or Alarm Company Stickers might be enough to deter a burglar from choosing your home.
7. **MAILBOX:** This should be kept in plain view. It is advised that your name should not be on the box. Do not leave outgoing mail in your mailbox. Bring it to a mail collector's box or the post office.
8. **ALARMS:** Outside audible alarms are a good deterrent to burglary. There are many types and costs depending on your needs. Check with a professional alarm company to see what kind of alarm would best suit your needs.
9. **PEEPHOLES:** Use it whenever possible. A cheap piece of security.
10. **GARAGE DOOR:** Keep it closed and locked whenever possible-even in the daytime! An open and empty garage door is an open invitation for a crime. Change your automatic opener frequency every few months. It is easy to do!
11. **TOOL SHEDS:** Make sure you have a good "hockey puck" style lock on your tool shed. Can you imagine if a burglar broke into your home with a tool he found in YOUR shed?
12. **SLIDING GLASS DOORS:** A favorite way for burglars to gain entry. Make sure yours is locked and reinforced. Secure these doors from being forced open sideways AND from being lifted upwards out of their tracks.
13. **FENCES:** Burglars do not like fences. They provide an obstacle and make it difficult to carry away large objects. Keep a lock for the gate.



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14. **SIGNS:** “Beware of Dog” is always a good deterrent, even if you do not have a dog. Most burglars will not take a chance.
15. **BACKYARD LIGHTING:** Just as important as front-yard lighting. Sensor lights are good, especially when aimed at vulnerable areas and points of entry, like sliding glass patio doors.
16. **VENTS/ROOF ENTRANCES:** Reinforce roof vents with iron bars or screens so that no person can gain entry. Add bars or screens to any roof, skylight, or other potential ceiling entrance. Most roof locations will provide entry to the rest of the house.
17. **CELLAR DOORS:** Burglars like these doors because most of them are out of sight. Make sure you have a solid dead bolt system on these doors. Check the hinges. If they are located on the outside, secure them with non-removable screws.
18. **VACATION:** When on vacation or out of town, stop your mail and newspaper deliveries; tell a trusted neighbor and give them a key.
19. **LANDSCAPE:** Bushes provide a good hiding place for wrongdoers. Keep bushes and flowers attractively trimmed, not to allow hiding places.
20. **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Facebook or other social media sites trend is to post photos and messages when you are on vacation. If your settings are not secure on your account, you are telling everyone your home is unoccupied.