

The following tips were received from the Naperville Police Department to remind us of the precautions to take in maintaining a safe environment.

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## Hobson West Home Safety Bulletin

Give your home a fighting chance against crime. Look closely at your home from the perspective of a burglar. Simple repairs and improvements may decrease the chance of your home being burglarized.

- **Lights** - Keep the exterior of your home well illuminated. Criminals do not want to be detected and avoid well lit areas. Pay special attention to the lighting of your porches, yards, and especially, entrances to your home and garage.
- **Locks** – Would-be burglars seek easy targets. They want to get in quickly, quietly and unseen. The harder you make it for an intruder, the lower your risk of a break-in. Install sturdy doors, door frames & hardware. Use deadbolt locks. Consider a door viewer; always know who is at your door before opening it. Keep your windows locked and consider pinning them.
- **Landscaping** – Overgrown limbs, bushes or landscaping could block a neighbor or passer-by from observing a break-in. Trees and shrubbery should be kept trimmed back from sidewalks, porches and doorways. Keep in mind that high wooden fences may allow criminals to slip onto your property and work unobserved.
- **Vehicles** - Do not leave vehicles unattended with the doors unlocked, windows down, or the keys in them, even in your garage or driveway. Do not leave valuables, such as cell phones, I-Pods, GPS units, computers, purses, or money in plain view. Remember, if a criminal has access to the inside of your vehicle, they likely have access to your garage door opener and/or house keys.

Remember...

Just because a point-of-entry is not located at ground level does not make it inaccessible to intruders. Do not leave ladders, garbage cans or other items lying around. These items can be used to gain access to an elevated point-of-entry.

Be observant of the activities in and around your neighborhood, crime can occur at any time. **The Naperville Police Department requests citizens to report all suspicious subjects, vehicles & incidents.** Call 911 to report in-progress activity.

Additional safety measures may be obtained by visiting the City of Naperville's Website and viewing the PowerPoint "Home Safety and Security" at <http://www.naperville.il.us/communityeducation.aspx>. For information on how to safeguard children visit that same link and view the information listed for 3rd grade "On Your Own" and 4th grade "Be Smart; Be Safe".

For more safety tips or questions regarding crime prevention, contact the Naperville Police Department, SRO Unit or speak with a Community Education Specialist at 630-420-6731.