

Our Goal

This information has been provided in an effort to assist you in making your home more secure, both while you are home and when you are away from home.

Taking these suggested measures will not always prevent a crime from occurring, but they will enhance the security of your home, making would-be criminals less likely to target your property.



Notes:

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Keeping Your Home Secure

When You Aren't There



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Take the following steps to make your home more secure:

1. If you have an ALARM SYSTEM, consider having the system monitored by a professional monitoring company. If you don't have an alarm system, consider getting one. The alarm system should cover all points of entry, including windows, and should have motion detectors.
2. Consider installing HOME SECURITY CAMERAS that capture all points of entry to the home. Many systems allow the homeowner to monitor the cameras from a computer, phone, or hand-held device.

3. Consider installing LED MOTION DETECTING LIGHTS around the outside of your residence. (Some home security cameras are dual purpose - cameras and spotlights).

4. Be sure to MAINTAIN YOUR LAWN AND SHRUBBERY to allow a clear line of sight to your residence. If someone is lurking around your home, you want the neighbors to notice.

5. Consider SUSPENDING NEWSPAPER and MAGAZINE DELIVERIES for the time you are away and ask the US Postal Service to either hold your mail or forward it to an address of your choice. Also, if you are expecting any deliveries, ask that the delivery be held until your return.

6. Consider INSTALLING A TIMER ON BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR LIGHTING. Program the timers to come on and go off at different times of the evening, so it appears someone is home.

7. Vacations are exciting. The days and weeks leading up to vacation time are sometimes brutal. No matter what, RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA when your vacation will start, where you are going, or the great pics you take while you're there. There will be plenty of time for that when you get back.

8. Select a trusted friend, family member, or neighbor and ask him/her if they would be willing to be a KEY-HOLDER for you. Provide this person with a key and be sure they have updated contact information for you, in case of emergency.

9. REQUEST THE KEY-HOLDER TO CHECK ON YOUR RESIDENCE, regularly, while you are away and to notify law enforcement of any suspicious or criminal activity.

10. IF YOU LIVE IN A COMMUNITY WITH 24-HOUR SECURITY, let them know you will be away so they can check your residence. IF YOU LIVE IN A COMMUNITY WITH A Crime Watch/Neighborhood Watch, contact the president of the group and ask that they keep an eye on your residence while you are away.



Hernando Beach Crime Watch