

# Marion County Prosecutor's Office

*How can I make my property safer?*



## SAFETY

BY

## DESIGN

### BURGLARY PREVENTION PRESENTATION

Free educational presentations for any community group, including neighborhood associations, apartment communities and business owners, on reducing the risk of becoming a burglary or property crime victim.

<i>Burglary Prevention Tips</i>	Know your neighbors. Don't let strangers inside. Use your locks.
<i>Vehicle Safety</i>	Lock and secure your vehicle at all times.  Do not leave any items visible in your vehicle regardless of value. Control access to your keys.
<i>Inventory Your Valuables</i>	Keep a personal property inventory record of brand, model, serial number, value and the date an item was purchased.  Store a duplicate copy of your inventory record away from your home.

### PROPERTY AUDIT

Free audits are available for residences, neighborhoods, small businesses, rental properties, and apartment communities.

Experts will provide information on deterring criminal behavior through physical design elements, such as lighting, landscaping and parking lot safety.

<i>Visibility</i>	Can people see into your building?
<i>Landscaping</i>	Do trees and bushes create hiding spots on your property?
<i>Lighting</i>	Are there dark places on your property?
<i>Maintenance</i>	Does your property appear occupied and well cared for?

Audits are conducted by experts certified in the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) approach.

**Schedule a presentation or request more information at**

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### Sliding Glass Doors Secured

Cover with security window film to help prevent shattering. Use track locks to prevent removal of door.

### Interior Lights & Radio

A couple of lights and the sound of a radio can make it seem as though someone is home.

### Door Eye Viewer / Window

Ensure both adults and children can see out before they open a door.

### Reinforce Door Frame With Wood

Fill space between door jamb & studs with a solid piece of wood and shims to prevent it from being pried back.

### Caseмент or Double Hung Windows

Use various types of window stops for windows.

**Porch / Front Door Lights**  
Use high efficiency lights with motion sensors or a timer. Use a white light source that offers good color rendering. Lights should be installed out of arm's reach of a would-be criminal.

### Deadbolt Locks on Doors

Deadbolt at least 1" into door frame and strike plate installed with at least 3" screws

### Exposed Fence Hinges

Ensure "pin" side is installed on inside of fence or fill with pins that cannot be removed.

### Driveway and Walkway Lights

Use high efficiency lights with motion sensors or timers.

### Trim Hedges and Trees

Trim hedges below 2' and tree canopies higher than 6'.

### Reinforce Basement Windows

Ensure there is a quick-release mechanism for easy exit in case of emergency.



### Mark Your Valuables

Use an identifiable mark or number such as your driver license number to mark your valuables.

### Alarm System Sign

A simple sign or decal may make a would-be criminal think twice.

### Easily Readable House Number

It's easier for police and other first responders to locate your home when the house numbers are large & well-lit.

### Garage Door Securely Locked

Do not leave a spare key outside your home. Leave with a trusted friend.



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