



PREVENTING RESIDENTIAL AND GARAGE BURGLARIES

Home and garage burglaries, while they do not occur often in the United City of Yorkville do occur. Burglars may use ordinary tools such as screwdrivers and crowbars to pry open weak locks, or simply break a window or kick in a door. However, in most cases burglars don't use force at all, they simply walk through an unlocked door or walk in an open garage. With a few simple steps, property owners can reduce the likelihood of becoming burglary.

Protect your Home

- Close and Lock all doors and windows
- Install audible alarms on entry points
- Prominently post an alarm system warning
- Increase outdoor lighting use motion sensing lights and light timers
- Install an outdoor camera system or video doorbell system
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – Get to know your neighbors, watch out for each other

How Thieves Think

Burglars consider the following when selecting targets:

- Familiarity and convenience
- Occupancy–Can they tell if someone is home
- Visibility–Can they get in and out without being seen
- Accessibility–Can I get in and out quickly
- Vulnerability–Signs of security system
- Potential Reward- Risk v. Reward Is it worth it

Protect your Garage

Keep the doorframe and locks in good working condition. Use a deadbolt with long screws that reach well into the frame structure. You can also use a security bar that extends across the door to prevent entry

ALWAYS lock the door from the garage leading into the house

If you are inside the house or away from home shut your garage door

Cover windows or make sure the windows on the doors are up high so a burglary cannot see inside

Install good lighting – Features like motion detectors and automatic dusk-to-dawn switching are especially effective

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