



# Neighborhood Watch

## HOW TO KEEP A BURGLAR OUT!

**Most burglaries occur during the day. Burglars look for signs the home is unoccupied and has easy access. Be sure to use the locks on your doors and windows!**

**Vacation Watch:** Available through Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Harris County Constable's Office Precinct 4.

**Spare Keys:** Never leave a spare key in a hiding place outside the home. Burglars know about all the usual hiding places! Leave one with a trusted neighbor.

**Garage:** Never leave the garage unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house. Lock tools and ladders away so they cannot be used by a thief. An attached garage can provide visual cover for a burglar.

**Burglar Alarm Signs:** Prominently display all burglar alarm signs and decals.

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**Paint Kits:** Paint the house number on the street curb or driveway apron. Paint kits are free to use and can be checked out from your Program Specialist.

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**House Numbers:** Should be easy to read, visible to the street and a contrasting color.

**The Neighborhood Watch:** Join The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch and display the Watch decal in a front window closest to the front door.

**Windows:** Glass is vulnerable to attack. However, windows make noise when they break and are often visible to the street and other residences. Be sure to keep them locked!

**Doors:** Use solid core wood doors with frames that cannot be spread apart with a pry bar.

**Locks:** Dead bolts with at least a 1" throw are recommended. A high security strike plate with 3" screws is also recommended.

**Lighting:** At the very least, place light fixtures at front, back and garage entries. Motion detection lighting is an alternative to leaving lights on all the time. Use interior timed lighting devices when away from home.

**Shrubs:** Trim low enough to prevent blocking the view of possible points of entry or concealing a potential criminal.

To learn more, please call 281-210-3800 or visit [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/neighborhoodwatch](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/neighborhoodwatch)