

## What if your home is broken into?

Do NOT Enter - the perpetrator may still be inside

Use a neighbor's phone, or your cell phone to call the police

Do NOT Touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence

**Keep an inventory of your valuable possessions:** descriptions, photos, purchase dates, values and serial numbers

Keep a copy of the inventory in a safe place or away from home in case of disaster

### Don't Tempt a Thief

Store all moveable property out of sight: bikes, lawn mowers, barbecue grills, toys, etc.

Close your blinds at night, and put curtains over your garage and basement windows

Always lock all house doors, vehicle doors, garden sheds and garages

Never leave house keys in hiding spots outside around your home, thieves know where to look

Consider "marking" all of your property by engraving, etching, scratching or with a pen

### Vehicles

Keep the windows closed and doors locked on your vehicles when parked, even if you are home or "just next door"

Always remove the keys from your vehicle, and lock your doors

If possible, park your vehicle in a garage overnight

Remove all valuable property from your vehicle while at home, overnight or away

## Thieves Steal Things that are...



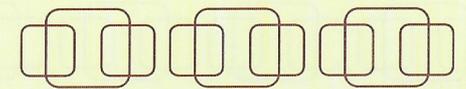
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### Be a Good Neighbor

Get to know your neighbors and their habits to the extent you recognize deviations from normal behavior

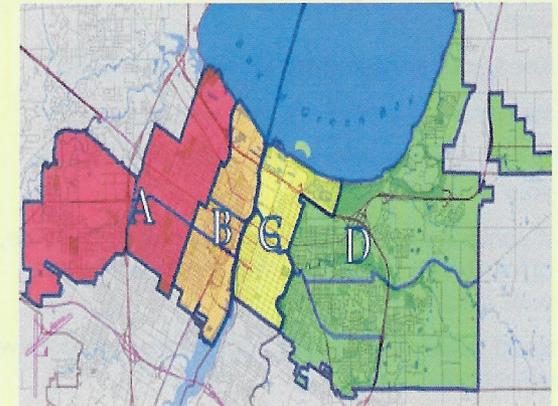
Consider forming a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood to improve security and reduce the risk of burglary and property theft crimes

The MOST important thing YOU can do is CALL THE POLICE to report a CRIME or any SUSPICIOUS activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. And remember, you can always remain a pair of anonymous eyes!



## Property Crime Prevention Strategies

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*We, the men and women of the Green Bay Police Department, are dedicated to providing service through a partnership with the community that builds trust, reduces crime, creates a safe environment, and enhances the quality of life in our neighborhoods*

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## Property Crime Prevention Tips

### Prevention Tips While at Home

Harden your home by considering how a criminal might attack you, your home or belongings by eliminating "opportunity"

Keep the appearance of your home neat, clean and in good repair

Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed, EVEN if it is for a short time or going "next door," lock your doors

Keep your garage door closed and locked

Make sure all locks are working properly

Never allow someone you do not know into your residence

If someone comes to your door for assistance, offer to call the police for them, while they wait outside

Keep valuable items in your home out of view of passers-by

Be alert of suspicious people and behavior, and in the neighborhood, report all suspicions to the police

Make note of license plates, suspicious people descriptions and give this information to the police



### Prevention Tips while you are Away

Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in

Ensure that all the locks and windows are in good working order in advance of your planned trip

Connect automatic timers to lights, radios or televisions to turn them on at night and off during the day

Keep your garage door and service doors closed and locked

Do not allow newspapers, mail, flyers or deliveries build up while you are away

Arrange for your lawn to be cut, or snow to be shoveled from your driveway and sidewalk

Have someone you trust check on your house every day, or call the Green Bay PD and request an extra check of your home while you are away

Park any vehicles left behind in the garage, or consider moving vehicles to a friend's home

Remove all valuable property from your vehicle while you are away

### Hardening the Outside

Keep all the entrances to your home well lit

Motion-sensitive lighting is recommended for back yards

Make sure all door hinges are on the inside

Trim all trees, shrubs and maintain landscape so they cannot be used as a hiding place for intruders

### Windows & Patio Doors

Make sure windows are in proper working order, can be closed and locked

Secure sliding patio doors by placing a brace in the sliding door track

Install screws in the track above the sliding door to prevent lifting or tilting out of the frame

### Alarms & Surveillance

Consider installing home and car alarms

Consider installing surveillance cameras

Visible alarm signs are a great deterrent

