



HOME SECURITY

PITT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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- ✓ We should all stay aware. If you see something suspicious say something. Call law enforcement to help keep each other safe.
- ✓ Form a free *Community Watch Program*. We can help. Learn more at www.pittcountysheriff.com/community-watch-programs.
- ✓ Use our free *House Check Service* if you plan on being away for an extended period of time. www.pittcountysheriff.com/house-check
- ✓ Keep all doors and windows locked at all times. Cars too! Make sure the locks are solid and replace them as necessary. Dead bolts!
- ✓ Don't allow mail or newspapers to build up while you are away. Have delivery paused or arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick them up.
- ✓ Make your homes look occupied so thieves question whether it is safe to break in. A dog may help scare thieves as well.
- ✓ Never leave spare keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places. If everyone does it... it isn't a secret.
- ✓ Leave lights on when you go out. Connect some lighting to automatic timers to turn on in the evening and off during the day if you plan on being away from home for extended stays.
- ✓ Install good exterior lighting with motion detectors.
- ✓ Invest in a quality home security system. Then use it. A security system only works if it is actually used properly.
- ✓ Inventory your valuable possessions. Include serial numbers. Keep a copy in a safe place.

We care!

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