

Preventing garage burglaries

In order to reduce the chances that you will become a target of a garage burglary, please exercise the following important precautions.

Reevaluate the security of your garage whether attached or detached:

- Do not leave your garage door(s) open.
- Do not leave valuables unsecured.
- Do not leave doors or windows unsecured or unattended.
- Update your doors and locks. Replace single cylinder deadbolt locks with double cylinder deadbolt locks, only on service doors leading to exterior of residence. Service door between garage and interior of home with an attached garage shall have a single cylinder deadbolt lock. Be sure door hinges are exposed from the inside only.
- Improve exterior elements, such as lighting. Keep trees and shrubs trimmed.
- If leaving town, please notify your neighbors, family and/or a friend so they can watch your property. Do not share travel plans or other times you may be absent from your residence on social media.
- Refer to the police department's home security tips for tips on protecting your overall residence.

The police department can conduct a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) survey of your property. To arrange for a CPTED survey, please contact the St. Louis Park Police Department at 952.924.2661.

Remember: Always lock your doors on your vehicles and do not leave any valuables, including vehicle keys and fobs, in unattended vehicles. If you must leave valuable inside your vehicle, stow them out of sight, preferably in the trunk, glove box or center console.

Please report all suspicious activity in your neighborhood:

- Trust your instincts! If someone or something looks suspicious, report it!
- Call 911 or 952.924.2618 (non-emergency).
- Talk with your neighbors regarding all suspicious activity.

If you would like to start a Neighborhood Watch group or to see if your block is organized, contact the community outreach officer at 952.924.2661.