

HOME SECURITY

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A small investment of time and money can make your home more secure and can reduce your chances of being a victim of burglary, assault or vandalism.

- External doors should be secured with a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock with a minimum 1 ½” bolt. The strike plate (attached to door frame) should be secured with 4” screws, minimum.
- Double-key deadbolt locks should be considered for door locks that can be reached by breaking a window.
- Exterior doors should be metal or solid, 1 ¾” hardwood.
- Doors should fit tightly in their frames, with hinge pins on the inside.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors.
- Secure sliding glass doors with available locks, broomstick or wooden dowel in the track door.
- Secure double-hung windows by using keyed locks or by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in top corners of the inside sash and partway into the outside sash. The bolt or nail should move in and out freely.
- Turn on outside lights after dark to light porches, entrances and yards – front and back. Consider timers that turn on outside lights or install motion detectors.

For emergencies, dial 9-1-1

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- Keep your yard well maintained. Store ladders and tools inside a locked garage, basement or storage shed.
- Clearly display your house number so emergency responders can find your home quickly.
- Put lights and a radio on timers to create the impression that someone is at home. Leave shades, blinds and curtains in normal positions.
- If going out-of-town, stop mail and newspaper delivery, or ask a neighbor to take them in.
- Keep up the appearance of the neighborhood. Abandoned cars, graffiti, broken street lights, vacant buildings and litter attract crime.
- Update your home inventory: make, model and serial number of items like DVD players, stereos, televisions, cameras and computers. Photograph or make videos of the items.
- If you see a screen that has been cut, a broken window or a door that has been left open, do not go in. Call police from a cell phone or neighbor's house.
- If you hear someone breaking in or moving around, quietly call the police and wait calmly until they arrive. If you can leave safely, do so, if not, lock yourself in a room.

To report a crime, call the Davenport Police Department at (563) 326-7979. If you have any questions reference Home Security, please email us at:

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