



Residential Burglary Alert

North Portland Residents:

Residential Burglary is on the increase in some North Portland neighborhoods. Several have occurred at night when residents are home sleeping. Please read and follow the following basic prevention tips and ensure your home is locked and secured!

▶ Ensure your home is properly locked and secured each night and when you leave. **Double check all doors and windows prior to retiring for the night.** We are currently encouraging residents to keep their homes locked and secured at all times, even when home. Replace any damaged doors or windows and upgrade locks if they are not operating properly. NEVER LEAVE A WINDOW OPEN DURING THE DAY WHEN YOU ARE GONE.

▶ Call the Police immediately if you see or hear someone suspicious around your house or your neighbor's home. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and their property and report suspicious activity. For Crimes in progress call 911, otherwise utilize the Multnomah County Non-Emergency number: **503-823-3333**. If you come home and find or suspect your residence has been burglarized, do not enter and call the police from outside your residence.

▶ Ensure your home has adequate lighting at night and minimize any dark areas around the sides and rear portions that may allow a burglary easy concealment. Cut or reduce vegetation to ensure clear sightlines and viewing of all doors and windows from your street. This helps the police, and more commonly your neighbors, see if anyone is attempting to gain access inside your home.

▶ Tell a trusted neighbor if you are going on vacation and stop your mail and paper. Ask this neighbor to check on your residence and utilize light timers and ensure porch and outdoor lighting is activated at night.

▶ Prepare a Home Inventory and engrave expensive items with your Drivers License number. For more information go to: "Operation Recovery" on the Portland Police Bureau's website <http://www.portlandonline.com/police>

DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET. PLEASE LOCK AND SECURE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS AND BE EXTRA VIGILENT FOR YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS.

Please contact your Crime Prevention Coordinator below if you have any questions or would like more information on residential burglary prevention tools and ideas.

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