

What Is a Burglary?

- Burglary involves a person entering your home or vehicle and taking your property without your permission



- In Palm Beach County thousands of vehicles and homes are burglarized every year.
- Most of them are left unlocked with valuables inside.
- If a stranger comes to your house, ask for identification and don't let anyone in your home that you don't know.

Don't Make It Easy...

For Thieves to Steal Your Goods!

- Never leave your car running or the keys in the ignition even if its just for a minute.
- Always roll the windows up and lock the car, even if its in front of your home.
- Never leave packages or valuables like your wallet or purse in the vehicle, take them with you.
- Always park in a well lit area around other people.
- Be aware of your surroundings and people in the area.



How Can You Help?

Call...



You can remain anonymous
1-800-458-8477

***Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw
wants all citizens to be safe.
Please take special care this
Holiday season and
throughout the year to secure
your property.***



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Sheriff's Office.*

Don't Be a Victim!



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Tips for a Safe Holiday Season

If You're Out for the Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Lock all doors and windows when you leave even for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- Close blinds or draperies so no one can see in your house.

If You're Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your house.
- Have your mail and newspaper suspended.

If You're Shopping

- Stay alert and aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well lit area and be sure to lock your car doors and windows.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash, pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart.
- If shopping with the kids, teach them to go to a security guard if you get separated.



Keeping Your House Safe

Lighting

- It is one of the most cost-effective deterrents to burglary. Indoor lighting gives the impression that a home is occupied. Outdoor lighting can eliminate hiding places.



Shrubs and Landscaping

- Landscaping should provide maximum visibility to and from your house. Trim shrubs that could conceal criminal activity near doors and windows.
- Cut back tree limbs that can be used to climb into windows or on to a terrace.

Doors and Windows

- Entry doors should be well lit and have a viewer so you can see who is outside without opening the door.
- Always keep doors and windows locked, even a five minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home.
- To improve security on sliding glass doors, place a piece of wood or metal bar in the track to prevent it from being opened even if the lock is jimmied or removed.

Make time to ensure that you are not a victim and have a safe and happy holiday season.