

# CANYON COUNTY **SHERIFF**

## **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION**

### ***Bright Ideas:***

- Install lights by all exterior doors. Use lights at night.
- Install outside light fixtures where bulbs are hard to reach.
- Illuminate house numbers for quick emergency services response.
- Use motion sensors and photocells on exterior floodlights.
- Install peepholes on doors.

### ***Landscaping:***

- Trim tree branches 5 feet off the ground.
- Prune shrubs to under 3 feet from the ground.
- Trim shrubs back from doors and windows. Don't give burglars places to hide.

### ***Personal Information:***

- Keep valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Use a locking mailbox.
- Shred any statements with personal identifying information.

### ***Doors & Windows***

- Change the locks when moving into a new residence.
- Always lock your doors and windows.
- Use solid core or metal exterior doors.
- Use dead bolt door locks on exterior doors.
- Add auxiliary track-type locks, removable drop bars, wooden dowels, or pinning devices to windows and sliding glass doors.

### ***Vehicle Smarts:***

- Close the garage door and cover windows so no one can see inside.
- Remove keys from vehicle when parked in garage.
- Hide the garage door opener from open view in your car.

### ***Dealing With Strangers:***

- Do not allow strangers into your home.
- Verify workers by ID cards and calling their employer.
- Never give keys to workers.

**DONT BE AFRAID OR EMBARRASSED TO CALL 911**

**Report suspicious activity, theft, or vandalism to the Canyon County Sheriff's Office at (208) 454-7531**