

BURGLARY PREVENTION

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



**SAINT PAUL
POLICE**

Service with Purpose

REPORT A BURGLARY



Call **911** when a crime is in progress or you need an immediate officer response.



Call **651-291-1111** to request an SPPD response in a non-emergency situation.



File an **online police report** by scanning the **QR code** or visiting **stpaul.gov/police**.

SLIDING GLASS DOORS



Always lock the doors of your home. If you have sliding glass doors, cover them with security window film. Use a charley bar in the track to help secure them or another kind of sliding door lock.

WINDOWS



Always lock your windows. Install window pins to allow windows to open no more than 4-inches. Do not use keyed lock on windows in sleeping areas.

FENCES



Burglars prey on privacy. Fences that allow activity to be seen in your yard are preferable to privacy fences.

HEDGES AND TREES



Keep your landscaping trimmed in order to eliminate hiding places. Trees and shrubs should be trimmed to 6-inches below windows and at least 3-feet

away from doors. Shrubbery such as rose bushes or other thorny varieties serve as a good deterrent.

HOUSE NUMBER AND SIGNAGE



Make sure your house number is easily readable from the street. It should be at least 4-inches high and reflective at night. This can save police valuable time when responding to your home.

Placing an **alarm sign** outside your home may also make a would be criminal think twice.

LIGHTING AND ELECTRONICS



Interior: Consider installing **light timers** on our interior lighting to make your home look occupied. Good lights to leave on are bedroom and bathroom lights.

Radios and **television** are also good items for you to have on timers as they give the perception of someone being home.

Exterior: A strong deterrent is **dusk to dawn lighting**, which constantly lights up your entry doors and possible obstacles that would otherwise be unseen. **Motion detector lights** are also very effective. **Landscape lighting** is low voltage lighting that can highlight your property line, light up your sidewalk, and light up the exterior of your windows. All exterior lights should be installed at a height of 8-feet or higher and should direct light downward and away from your neighbor's homes.

DOOR LOCK AND STRIKE PLATES



Locks should have a 1-inch throw with a heavy-duty strike plate fastened with at least four 3-inch screws.

GARAGES



Make sure to keep your garage door closed and locked at all times to prevent a crime of opportunity.

PROPERTY INVENTORY



Keep an inventory of valuables like electronics, jewelry, firearms, and equipment. List their serial numbers, descriptions, and take photos of these items.