

# REDUCING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



The Arlington County Police Department is reminding the public that burglaries and thefts are often crimes of opportunity, and is encouraging residents to conduct security checks of their homes and vehicles to ensure their property is secured.



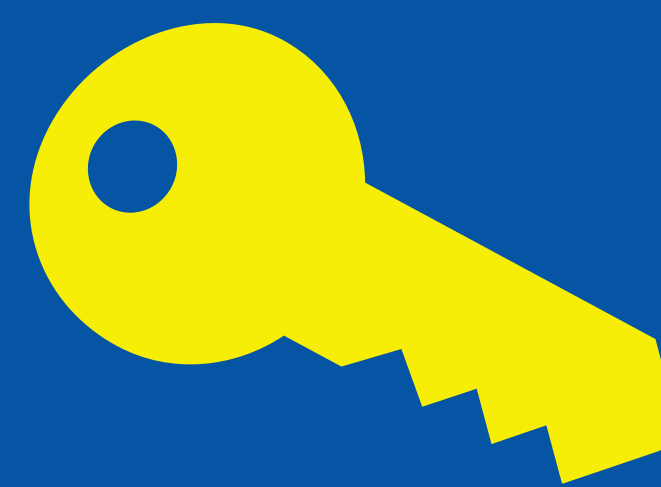
Keep garage doors closed and locked, even when home. Ensure it is closed overnight.



Consider exterior lights, security cameras, and alarm systems and activate them overnight.



Install deadbolt locks on external doors. Engage both the knob & deadbolt lock.



Never hide spare keys around your property. Instead, leave a spare key with someone you trust.



Remove valuables, including keys & garage openers from your vehicle. Ensure it's locked when unattended.



Report suspicious behavior to dispatch at 703-558-2222 or 9-1-1 in an emergency.

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