

# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS

## From the Nassau County Police Department



### DO:

- ✓ Lock doors, windows, and gates when leaving the house.
- ✓ Make alarm stickers visible on doors and windows; they should be easily seen from the street and sidewalk.
- ✓ Take pictures of your valuables and mark them with your driver's license number to make them easy to trace.
- ✓ Set inside lights on timers to turn on at dusk.
- ✓ Install outside motion detection lights at the corners of your home. Make sure they are high enough so that an intruder is unable to unscrew the bulbs.
- ✓ Use dead bolts with a one-inch throw to make the mechanism difficult to pry open.
- ✓ Ensure that sliding glass doors and windows have metal pins or a metal bar installed so that they cannot be pried open.

### DON'T:

- ✗ **DO NOT** leave newspapers and packages in the doorway. Arrange for a delivery time when you or a neighbor can pick them up.
- ✗ **DO NOT** leave garbage cans at the curb all day; if you cannot stay home, use plastic bags instead of garbage cans.
- ✗ **DO NOT** let people know you are not home by posting on the Internet or on voicemail.
- ✗ **DO NOT** let shrubbery overgrow and hide windows and doors.
- ✗ **DO NOT** leave valuables out. Store them in a non-discrete location, avoiding bedroom drawers and obvious places.
- ✗ **DO NOT** leave driveway empty. If possible, have a neighbor park a car in your driveway.

**IF A BURGLARY DOES OCCUR, CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY.**

**DO NOT** try to enter the premises – the burglar may still be inside. **DO NOT** disturb any evidence.

***Be Alert! If you see something, say something!***

**Call 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress**

**Crime Stoppers 1-800-244-TIPS**