

Did You Know

Month after month statistics prove 50% of all our residential burglaries occur in the garage where the owner has carelessly left the garage door open. Most people lose items such as lawn equipment, golf clubs, garage door openers (*which are technically keys to your house*), hand tools, power tools, fishing gear, items left in your car (*cell phones, purses, briefcases, change, firearms, etc.*). The value of these items can easily reach thousands of dollars, and that's the good news! The bad news is the would-be burglars can just as easily push the garage door button on the wall and lower your garage door while they are still inside, and then open the door between the house and the garage (*you know, the one you never locked*) and enter your house while you're still inside!! Don't forget, your garage has two exterior doors. **1)** The big door that is operated by your garage door opener. **2)** The door between your house and the garage. Both doors should be kept closed and locked. Look at it this way...if you leave either of these doors unlocked and open, go ahead and leave your front door unlocked and open as well, there is no difference!

GARAGE DOOR TIPS

Keep closed at all times.

Cover garage door windows to prevent burglar from looking in.

If on vacation, place a padlock through the track.

Remove knobs or rings from safety latch of automatic garage door openers.

Remove garage door opener from vehicle.

Add exterior security lighting.

Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed.



The Plano Police Department offers a complete Home Security Assessment in which an officer looks at your house "through the eyes of a burglar" and offers tips on how to make it more difficult for someone to enter unlawfully. It takes about an hour and it's free. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-941-2431 for more details!

Close Them!



Do not advertise your belongings by leaving the garage door open, close your garage door at all times. Remember, an open garage is easy access to inside your home.

Light Them!



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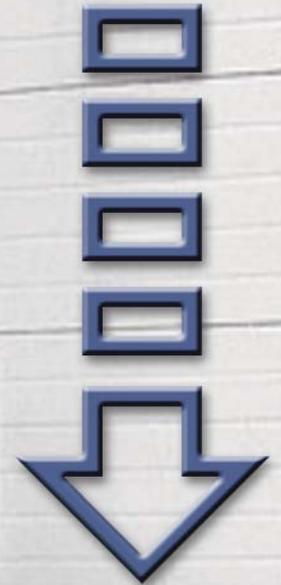


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Safety Tips Inside

KEEP THEM CLOSED

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