

# Protect your Home from Summertime Theft

Summers are a time for enjoying the great outdoors. This can mean relaxing at the beach, taking a long bike ride, going on vacation or spending time in your garden. Help protect your home from summertime theft by following these simple tips.

- Be careful with what you post on social media. Pictures of your outdoor adventures or vacation plans let criminals know when your house is empty, making it an easy target for theft.
- Close your windows and doors when you move to a different floor or leave your house. Also, lock your doors when you are in your garden. Criminals easily enter homes through open windows and unlocked doors.

- Always lock your bike even if it is stored in a garage or shed. Bike locks work best when used to secure both the bike frame and wheel.
- Make your home look lived in and cared for especially if you are on vacation. While you are away, make arrangements to have your lawn trimmed and mail picked-up. Keep tools and ladders stored in a secure location.
- Maintain bushes and trees. If they become overgrown, criminals can hide in them. Also, people can't see your property to help keep an eye on it.

Remember these tips to help keep your home safe while you are out enjoying your summer.