



**Crime Prevention Strategies for
Residential Burglaries**
Keep You & Your Property Safe!

What YOU Can Do:

- **Immediately** report ANY suspicious persons/activity to the CSUN PD **(818) 677-2111**
 - *Suspicious activity includes: persons walking/loitering around buildings for long periods of time; looking into windows; seeing open/broken windows or patio doors.*
 - *Report suspicious persons or activity anonymously: call the **WE TIP Hotline (677-TIPS)***
- If your apartment is burglarized immediately **contact the CSUN PD-not your R.A.**
- Do not touch or move anything and leave the apartment immediately.
- Stay outside the apartment and wait for police.

What You Can Do to Protect Your Property:

- Record the **serial number** of all electronic equipment (cell phones, computers, game consoles, TVs, etc.)
 - To help police recover your property, record the **MAC address & serial number** on your computers.
 - Use the CSUN PD property record brochure and/or keep this information in a safe/secure place.
- Back up your computer data onto an external hard-drive/USB.
- Password protect your computer to prevent thieves from accessing your personal data if your computer is stolen.
- Keep valuable electronics **locked up** or **take them** with you when you leave.
- Purchase a S.T.O.P. security plate for your electronics from the CSUN PD.
- Only \$10/item STOP plates can be affixed to any item with a serial number and flat surface. The security plate helps increase the likelihood of recovery if the property is stolen.
- Consider the use of cable locks for computers and expensive electronics (TV, game consoles, etc.)

How YOU Can Secure Your Apartment:

- ALWAYS check that ALL doors and windows are closed and locked before leaving.
 - If necessary, make a reminder and place it on the front door. ("LOCK UP!")
- **NEVER** use your balcony door as a means of entering/exiting your apartment.
- If your doors/windows do not properly lock-contact housing maintenance ASAP. Follow up if repairs are not made in a timely matter.
- Do not prop open doors.
- Don't hold doors open for others-it's not being disrespectful, it's being safe.

How YOU Can Boost the Security of Your Apartment:

- Consider reinforcing the security of your doors and windows-
 - Items such as battery-operated glass window breakage alarms sound an audible alarm when set off by vibrations.
 - Battery-operated magnetic entry alarms sound an audible alarm once the door/window is opened.
 - Removable, twist-shut window locks placed near the sliding window (or patio door) restricts forced access.
 - Consider placing items like lights, a TV and/or radio on timers giving the sense that someone is home.

NOTE: If you choose to utilize any devices not provided by Residential Life-you assume liability for any damage caused by such equipment.

Personal home security products should NOT be considered the sole method of protection but rather a layer of security incorporated with other prevention methods.

Additionally:

- **Inside resources:**
 - Keep window/patio blinds shut.
 - Arrange furniture (valuables) so they cannot be easily seen from outside.
 - Unless LOCKED in a fire resistant safe secured to an immovable object (such as a bed frame) do NOT keep large sums of cash, precious items, collectables/valuables in your apartment.
 - Consider leaving a few lights on if not using a timer.

- **Outside resources:**

Home Security Guide:

Get advice on a variety of home-security topics, such as what to look for when buying a safe or an electric fence. <http://www.homesecurityinformation.com/>

National Crime Prevention Council

Visit the NCPC's site for crime-prevention tips, information on their services and training programs, and books, kits and other education materials. <http://www.ncpc.org/>

Crime Doctor: Home Security

"Crime doctor" Chris McGoey provides tips on everything from home to ATM security.

<http://www.crimedoctor.com/home.htm>

For additional information contact:

Community Policing Team: **(818)677-2107**

Crime Prevention: **(818)677-5820**