



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Press Release:
Increase in Residential Burglaries

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Between December 1, 2016 and January 24, 2017, the Sausalito Police Department took five residential burglary reports. In four of these cases, the unidentified suspect(s) gained access through unlocked windows or by disengaging the tracking on sliding glass doors. The Sausalito Police Department is actively investigating these cases and following up on leads. Sausalito community members are asked to please notify the Sausalito Police Department immediately if they encounter suspicious people or vehicles in their neighborhood.

Crime Prevention Tips – Burglary

It is estimated that a home is burglarized every 15 seconds in the United States. A burglary is defined as the illegal entry of a building with the intent to commit a crime. For most people, their home is where they feel most secure. Being the victim of a home burglary can lead to feeling vulnerable and violated. Burglars are opportunists and they are looking for easy targets. If the risk of being caught in the act is too high, most thieves will not attempt entry. Improving the security of your residence is easier than you may think. Here are some simple things you can do to protect your home:

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

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