

Law Enforcement Today with Sheriff Toulon

Conversation Card Securing Your Home



When leaving home, make sure that all windows and doors are locked - even windows on the second floor of your home. Make sure to put away ladders and other items that might make it easier for a thief to climb through a window. Invest in a quality deadbolt lock for your main entrances. Many criminals are experts at picking locks, but a good pick-resistant deadbolt, which makes entry difficult, is one of the best ways to avoid a break in.

Use a light timer in the house and program it to go on at random times. This will help give the impression that someone is home.

If you have an alarm system, make sure to set it. We strongly advise using a video system to protect your home. These systems come in many price points and types, and are more affordable and easier to install than ever before.

Hide all valuables in the house from plain view; try to put them in a secure location.

One of the biggest signs of a family being away on vacation is an overflowing mailbox or a stack of newspapers in the driveway. Put your delivery on hold if you will be away for more than a day.

Don't post online that you are going on vacation because one never knows who could be reading the information.

Never leave a house key hidden outside of your home. If it is hidden in a pot, under the mat, beneath a rock, or in a fake rock, someone else may find it and enter your home while you are away.

Summer is a time when many people leave home for day trips and vacations. Suffolk County Sheriff Errol D. Toulon, Jr. has prepared some safety tips to help ensure your home and valuables are protected while you are away.