

### Citrus Heights Police Department

# **Did You Know?**



## Residential Burglaries

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- ⇒ Almost half of residential burglaries occur when property owners leave a door/window/garage door unsecured.
- ⇒ Many burglaries are prevented and/or solved due to neighbors watching out for other neighbor's homes.
- ⇒ Jewelry, laptops, and other electronic items are common targets
- ⇒ Burglaries typically occur during the weekday, while you and your family are away from home.



#### What role can you play to lower your risk of becoming a victim of this crime?

- ⇒ Lock doors and windows, including garage doors even during the summer months. Use secondary locks to secure windows in unattended rooms.
- ⇒ Look into improving the security hardware of your home to fortify entry points. Sliding glass doors should have dowels and vertical locks to prevent their removal from tracks and forced entry.
- ⇒ Trim dense bushes and low hanging trees that reduce the visibility of your property, especially those areas that block entryways and windows.
- ⇒ Get to know your neighbors and ask them to call the police if they see anything suspicious.
- ⇒ Take photos of serialized items, along with a close up photo of the serial number. Send the photos along with your driver's license number to <a href="mailto:myproperty@citrusheights.net">myproperty@citrusheights.net</a> so we can store them in case you become a victim.



If you come home and think someone may have broken into your residence, <u>do not</u> go inside. Immediately call 9-1-1 so police officers can check if the house is safe for you to enter.