

Protecting you home...

In examining the threat that is posed by a burglar, the following tips will aid you in preventing the burglar from selecting your home.

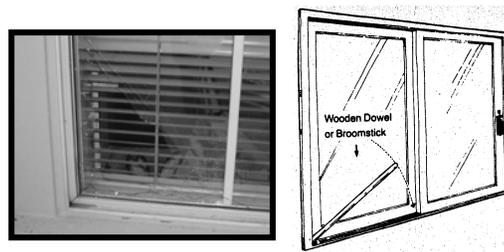
Windows



Burglars are not likely to enter a home where they believe there will be no reward for their actions. If a burglar is not able to see what prizes await them within the residence, they will not enter. The burglar's view within the home can be blocked by **simply drawing curtains, and closing blind / shutters in all lower floor living areas.**

Burglars have been known to use a tool to cut through the glass of windows. Once the glass has been cut from the window, the burglar opens the window by reaching his arm through the hole in the glass and unlocking the mechanism. Although the locking

mechanism itself cannot be fortified, the **slide of the window can be restricted by placing a dowel or stick to limit the movement of the window.** Commercial locks can also be purchased from hardware stores and installed to better lock the window.



Actual crime scene photo of cut window glass

Lights

Nothing can increase the security of your residence like lighting. Exterior lights put criminals "on stage", making their detection more likely. It is always a good idea to have exterior lights on and they act as a deterrent of all types of criminal activity. During hours of darkness, all exterior lights should be "on". The installation of motion detector lights on the exterior of the home is an added deterrent to crime.



City of Oakley Police Department

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY TIPS

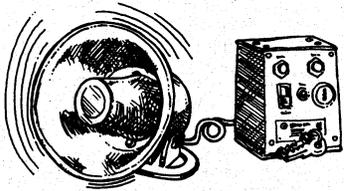
**To report a crime, call:
Oakley P.D. Dispatch
(925) 625-8060**

Administrative offices:
Oakley Police Department:
(925) 625-8855

EMERGENCIES ONLY

**Dial
9-1-1**

This pamphlet is meant to provide crime prevention tips to reduce the likelihood of being a victim and increase the possibility of suspect capture.



Alarm Systems

An alarm system is an added deterrent to burglars, but is not the ideal solution to all problems. In order to deter this specific burglar, alarm systems must be able to detect glass breakage and movement within the home. It is suggested that while you are in your home at night that you activate your alarm to provide you a warning while you sleep.

What can you do?

Please phone the police department whenever you see an individual, a vehicle or something suspicious within your neighborhood.

How do I know if someone or something is suspicious?

This is a question that is asked during these types of incidents. When should I call? Simply put,

you should phone the Police Department Dispatch number when you see someone or something that is out of place...someone that you have never seen before...a car that remains parked with someone inside...a car that “prowls” through your neighborhood at 2 a.m.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY, PHONE THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS (BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 4 A.M.).

What Number do I Call?

Residents are asked to phone the Police Department using the **non-emergency** phone number. However, if you see something that you believe to be very important (such as someone climbing a fence at 3 a.m.) – immediately phone **9-1-1**.

Once you have realized that you have been the victim of a burglary, you should immediately phone the police at **925 625-8060**. If you suspect that the burglar is still on the scene call **9-1-1**.

Once you have phoned the police, if you have not entered the residence, don't – go to a neighbor's home and wait for the arrival of the police.

Do not attempt to “straighten up” the crime scene – it is important for our officers and detectives to be able to collect evidence from the scene, no matter how small.

If you have entered the residence, don't go to other areas of the house until officers have checked the entire home.

OPD Non-Emergency Phone #

625-8060

What should I do if I find I've been burglarized?