BURGLARY PREVENTION

The facts about burglary....

- Over 6,000 residential burglaries occur each day in this country. That's one every 11 seconds!
- Nearly half of these burglaries are committed without force - that is through UNLOCKED doors and windows!
- Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 seconds trying to break into a home. Good locks and good neighbors who watch out for each other can be your best protection.

Most of these burglaries could be prevented:

- Always lock your doors and windows, even when leaving for "just a minute".
- Never leave a door key available: under a doormat, in a flowerpot, on the ledge of the door. These are the first places a burglar will look.

Building Partnerships with the Police and Businesses for a Safer Community

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Protect your business against burglary by following these 14 steps:

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1. **DOORS:**
   - Front doors should be clear, visible and free of signs or obstructions.
   - Doors should be made of burglary resistant glass, steel or solid core wood.
   - Doors should be equipped with “pick-resistant” dead bolts that require a key to open them from both sides.
   - Doors should be properly hinged and/or anchored so they cannot be lifted or forced in.
   - Doors should be part of the store’s burglary alarm system.
   - Rear doors/delivery doors should contain a “peephole”, door buzzer, and barred.

2. **WINDOWS:**
   - Windows should be clear, visible, and free of signs or obstructions.
   - They should be in good condition, framed in solid, tight, burglary-resistant glass.
   - Windows should be included as part of your alarm system.
   - If possible, arrange your store so the cash register is visible from outside the store.
   - All valuables should be removed from display windows when the store is closed.

3. **STORE LOCATION:**
   - Business address should be on front of store in sizable letters or numbers.
   - Emergency phone numbers should be placed at or near the front window.
   - After hours emergency contact numbers should be provided to local police and updated each year or when changes are made.

4. **LIGHTING:**
   - Rear store lights should remain on during closing or at night.
   - The exterior of the store should be properly illuminated during the night or when business is closed.

5. **BACK ROOM ACCESS:**
   - Limit this area to authorized personnel only. Place signs or restrictive devices adjacent to this area.

6. **ALARM SYSTEM AND SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT:**
   - Should have a security system, including surveillance equipment that has all possible points of entry covered.

7. **VENTS:**
   - Both lower and rooftop vents should contain adequate metal bars or screens that will prevent a burglar’s entry.

8. **LANDSCAPING:**
   - Make sure all shrubs, landscaping, trees, or other obstructions are trimmed away to ensure adequate visibility.

9. **FENCES:**
   - Fences should be chain link and offset from the store building. Entrance to and from the fence should be restricted and padlocked during appropriate times.

10. **ROOF ENTRANCE:**
    - Both roof access or skylights should be adequately barred or screened to prevent burglars from gaining entry from the roof of the store.

11. **CAGE MERCHANDISE:**
    - All expensive or commonly stolen merchandise, such as liquor, cigarettes, etc, should be adequately caged to prevent easy access to the items by the burglar or unauthorized employees.

12. **COMPUTERS:**
    - Store computers should be anchored down.
    - All of the company’s computer data bases and programs should be securely locked up and back up copies should be kept in a different location (not on the store premises).

13. **CASH REGISTER:**
    - Cash register should be anchored down and left opened during closing hours.

14. **OFFICE EQUIPMENT:**
    - All office equipment should be anchored down.
    - Serial numbers should be recorded and the company’s name marked on the equipment.