

LYNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safety Tips: Residential Burglaries

Our homes are our refuge and places of safety. Unfortunately, thieves may try to get into our homes to take our property. The majority of home break-ins occur during the daytime, when homes are unoccupied. Here are a few tips to help keep your homes safe and your property secure:

- When you move into a new home, make sure to change the door locks and garage door entry codes.
- Never leave a key outside of your home. Thieves know common places where people hide keys. If you need to leave a spare key, leave it with a trusted friend or neighbor.
- Make sure each exterior door has a deadbolt lock. Ensure that you use the deadbolt each time you leave the home.
- If your home has an attached garage, make sure to lock the door between the garage and the home.
- Leave a light on when you are not home. Dark homes are an invitation to those seeking to break-in.
- Use timers and motion lights on the exterior of your home. Thieves do not like to be seen.
- Consider an alarm system from a reliable vendor.
- Store your valuables in a safe place and record the serial numbers of valuable items. Photographs can help recover your items in case of a theft.
- If you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood, please call the police so we can check the situation out. Please call 502-574-5471 (911 for emergencies).
- If you plan to go on vacation or a business trip, please contact the Lyndon Police Department to schedule a house watch. You can use our online form at <https://www.cityoflyndon.org/PoliceServices.aspx> or call us at 502-425-5862 (administrative phone number).