



Tips from the Burglars!

When it comes to home burglaries, many people believe that having an alarm system or being up to date with top of the line video surveillance are the only ways to keep from becoming a victim. Wrong. While these are nice tools to have, there are many things you can do that either doesn't cost a dime or takes minimal effort or cost.

- Landscaping around your house matters. Trees and bushes provide cover and concealment, and this is one of the first things a burglar looks for. He doesn't want to be seen. So, walk around your property to see where you can improve landscaping by trimming trees and bushes to provide a better line of vision from your neighbors to be able to see your house. (Tip: Use the 3 up/7 down principle. bushes no higher than 3 feet, tree foliage no lower than 7 feet to the ground.
- Knowing your neighbors matter. If you know your neighbors and are "watching out for each other", then this reduces the chances that someone will break in your home. If you pay attention to who comes and goes in your neighborhood, then you can directly fight crime before it begins. Neighborhood Watch info: <http://www.hooverpd.com/neighborhood-watch.php>
- Burglars will knock on the door first. They don't want anyone to be at home. They don't want witnesses or confrontation. They want to get in and out quickly. So, if a "stranger" is at your door step, make yourself known. Take a look at HPD's "Stranger at the Door Tips":
[http://www.hooverpd.com/files/Stanger%20at%20the%20door%20TIPS\(3\).pdf](http://www.hooverpd.com/files/Stanger%20at%20the%20door%20TIPS(3).pdf)

Check out our website for more info on home burglaries:

<http://www.hooverpd.com/.../website%20Confessions%20of%20a%20...>

See the complete video from Columbus Ohio PD here: <https://youtu.be/9WIBn0b2DcE>

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