



Ten Tips for Home Safety

Burglary and thefts are the most common crimes in Bend. They are largely preventable by taking a few simple precautions. There are no guarantees but these tips will help.

Perimeter Security: Lock all doors and windows even if you are home. Check to be sure the locks work properly.

Outside Lighting: Light dark areas around doors, windows, side yards and other access points. Motion detector lights are a very good deterrent.

Street Visibility: Prune bushes and trees away from doors and windows.

Spare Keys: Do not hide keys in secret places. Leave a key with a neighbor.

The Lived in Look: When away, use a timer to turn on lights or radio.

Outside Activity: Arrange for someone to tend to your lawn and garden, park in your driveway and clear away snow or leaves. If you have a house sitter, be sure to tell your neighbors their schedule, what they will be driving. If you expect other visitors to your house, let your neighbors know the particulars.

Mail and Paper: Be sure to stop both or have a neighbor pick them up.

Phone Messages: Do not leave a message on your machine that you will be away. Use a short phrase.

Inform Neighbors: Share your itinerary as to where you will be, contact number and what you will be driving. Include your license plate number.

Reporting Suspicious Activity: If anyone spots suspicious activity, be sure to call dispatch at 693-6911 x 1. If a crime is in progress, call 9-1-1.