Harford County Sheriff’s Office Community Policing Bulletin

“WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES”

Is Your Home Protected Against Crime?

- Do you always lock your home and garage, even while working in the yard?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Do you have proper illumination (lighting) all sides of your home?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Do you maintain proper control over your house keys and garage door openers?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Are your house numbers plainly visible from the road for emergency personnel?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Do you participate in a Neighborhood Watch program?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Are all your bushes, trees, and shrubs trimmed to eliminate areas for a person to hide near your windows and doors?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Do you use automatic timers on lights, TV’s, and radios in your house?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Do you have peepholes installed and ask for identification from strangers before opening the door?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Are all exterior doors metal or solid-core wood at least one and three quarter inches thick?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

- Are basement windows properly secured with auxiliary locks or glass block?  
  YES ☐  NO ☐

If you checked “NO” to any of the above questions, you should consider contacting the Community Policing Unit for a Home Security Survey. Phone the Community Policing Office nearest to you home or e-mail your request to communitypolicing@harfordsheriff.org.
Tips to Make Your Home Safer

• Lock up! Amazingly 30-50 percent of residential burglaries happen because someone failed to lock a door or window. Remember: a lock isn’t a lock unless it is locked.

• Make sure you have a one-inch, deadbolt lock on your exterior doors. A good lock can make a difference.

• Good lighting at doors and windows discourages break-ins. Burglars don’t want to be seen.

• If you see anything unusual or out of the ordinary in your neighborhood, report it to the police. You know who should and shouldn’t be around. Neighbors helping neighbors.

An expanded list of tips can be found on the Harford County Sheriff’s Office web site http://www.harfordsheriff.org/safety

Crime in your area? Find out anytime!

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