

Don't be an easy target for criminals

Secure Your Garage



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Burglars often choose the garage door to gain entry to a home because it is usually the weakest, and therefore the easiest, point of entry. Once inside, burglars know to look in cars for electronic devices and other personal belongings. Becoming a burglary victim can leave a family feeling vulnerable and violated.

REDUCE THE RISK OF BECOMING A VICTIM

Close and lock your garage door if you are not present. It only takes a moment for a thief to make off with valuable property.

- ★ **Lock all doors leading into your garage.**
- ★ **Make it a habit to remove valuables sight.** Lock car doors even when the garage is closed.
- ★ **Keep garage door openers on key rings.** Do not leave them inside the car.
- ★ **When purchasing a remote opener, consider one with a "rolling code".** The changing code will prevent thieves from being able to use a captured code to open the door.
- ★ **Lock bicycles even inside the garage.** Use as much of the bicycle in the lock as possible, not just the front wheel.
- ★ **Register your bike with the Irvine PD.**
- ★ **Inventory your belongings.** Use photographs and record model and serial numbers.
- ★ **Change door locks when moving into a new residence.** Previous owners and tenants may not have kept track of the keys.
- ★ **Look out for your neighbors.** Notify your neighbors if they leave their garage door open.
- ★ **Report suspicious behavior immediately**

**To report a crime, call
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