

KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE ON VACATION

If you are going on a vacation or will be away from home for a few days, keep in mind the following home safety tips:

- Notify the Police Department that your house will be vacant for the duration of your vacation.
- Stop deliveries of mail or newspapers, or ask a friend to pick up deliveries while you are gone.
- Arrange to have the lawn mowed.
- Give your house a lived-in appearance.
- Put automatic timers on several lights and a radio. Set the timers so they will turn on and off at random times in different rooms.
- Do not leave notes indicating your absence.
- Shut and lock your garage door - an open garage door absent a car is an invitation to a burglar.
- Keep jewelry and other valuables in places other than the master bedroom. This is the first place a burglar looks.
- Have a neighbor park their car in your driveway.
- Ask a neighbor to use and put out your garbage cans.
- Secure all valuables.
- If, upon your return you see signs of a burglary, do not enter and call police from the nearest phone.
- Install an alarm system.