

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER CRIME PREVENTION



Crime Prevention is an active program that combines public awareness & preventive measures to reduce crime.

Focus for the month of February is **Home Security**. Everyone is responsible to keep a home safe (including rentals). Security of your home starts with you and goes beyond alarm systems and the list below details some important security considerations.

Door Security is critical since it is the primary entry point. Ensure it is locked, even when at home and if available, have a door handle lock and deadbolt.

Window Security is as important. Keep windows secured when not attended. Additional locks are advised, such as dowels for the window track and twist locks.

Garage Security is equally important. Criminals seek access to stored valuables and vehicles, or direct access into the home. A garage door lock is useful.

Lighting Security should always exist, be operable, and on during the hours of darkness. Lights brighten vulnerable areas and deny criminals concealment and opportunity.

Landscaping Security needs to be considered. If there are trees able to be climbed for access into the home or used as a hiding place, keep it trimmed.

Fencing Security is often overlooked. Those with a fenced yard, consider coverings to restrict views, which can be helpful to deter lurkers and ensure locks are employed on gates.

Overall, home security is important for protection of family, valuables, and safety. Protect all that is yours. Remember, if you are renting or live in military housing, ensure you check with owners/leasing agency for allowed modifications.

Safely protect your home this year!

For crime prevention information contact the Physical Security/Crime Prevention office at 760-830-4561

