



Home Security

Close the Window of Opportunity



SECURITY AT HOME starts with you! You are responsible to keep your home secure, family safe, and belongings protected. Here are keys to home security and a few tips!

DOOR SECURITY should be the start of all home security. Most importantly lock your doors when you leave and even when at home. Check locks at least monthly for operability. Use a deadbolt separate from the handle. Rekey immediately if keys are lost.



WINDOW SECURITY is another important security location. Treat windows similar to doors and lock windows with a latch that is not easily moved. When windows are open, use a lock that does not allow for anyone to reach in to remove it and gain entry. Use a wood dowel inside the interior window track for added security. Lastly, the use of blinds help deter anyone from viewing inside your home and should be closed whenever possible.



GARAGE SECURITY is a common location that is overlooked with security. Whether it is attached or detached, security with the garage is crucial. If you park outside the garage, do not leave a remote opener in plain view. Protect your emergency release from tampering by use of a guard or plate. Finally, lock the door from your garage into the house.



FENCE SECURITY considered as another security aspect often overlooked. Most desire a fence that is aesthetically pleasing, but what about security? With safety, security, and privacy in mind, use screens or materials to cover the fence, as the mere restriction of view can help deter intruders. Lock gates with durable padlocks that are not easily removed.



LIGHTING SECURITY is one of the number one things that should always exist. We know that no one likes a dark house, except for burglars. Bright areas reduce criminal activity. Install motion sensor floodlights on all sides of the house and use timers on your outside lights.

LANDSCAPING SECURITY

Most think home security is having alarms, sturdy doors, and locks, and fewer people think of the landscaping. You may want privacy, but ensure trees do not block the view of the street from the front door. Trim all hedges and plants so they do not block view out windows. Refrain from having large trees in close proximity of doors to reduce hiding places. If you have a two-story home, keep trees trimmed and unable to be used as climbing aids. Maintain yards for beauty and security.



CONCLUSION

Regardless if you live on base, off base, in Lincoln Military Housing, or in a neighboring town, it is important to consider your home to be a castle! Make sure you fortify your castle and keep it secure.

