



CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Burglary Prevention Checklist

- Keep the area around your house well lit.
- Have a wide-angle door viewer (peephole) in your front door so you can see who is at the door
- Always acknowledge a caller at your door to determine who they are and what they want. Some burglars ring the door bell, and if there is no answer, they break in.
- Secure any sliding glass doors. Put a steel rod in the door channel. Install 2 or 3 screws in the overhead track to reduce the chance of the door being lifted out of the track
- Complete a home inventory list, complete with photos or video. Store this list in a secure location, preferably away from home.
- Participate in Operation Identification - engrave your driver's license number on your property. Burglars do not want marked merchandise
- Keep bushes and trees well trimmed. Thick, tall shrubbery provides hiding places for burglars
- Make sure that the locks on your doors and windows are strong and secure and use them.
- Consider into installing a burglar alarm system.
- Display "warning" signs. If you have a dog or alarm system display signs that say you do.
- Never leave a house key in an obvious place such as a mailbox or under a doormat.
- Be careful with your keys. Put your house and car keys on separate key rings.
- Have a security plan for when you are on vacation. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up the mail, etc.
- Be wary of wrong numbers and teach children what to say to strangers on the phone
- Know the steps to take if your home is burgled.

More information on how to secure your residence can be found a [www.cmpd.org](http://www.cmpd.org) or you can contact the community coordinator in your area and they can assist you.