

CONSIDER THIS:

- ◆ BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
- ◆ Prepare a home safety plan.
- ◆ Do you have a back-up plan?
- ◆ Have an evacuation plan...tell your family. Practice your plan. What will the children do? Where will they go?
- ◆ Will you include the neighbors in your plan? If so tell them in advance.
- ◆ Establish physical perimeters. Where is it OK for strangers to go on your property?
- ◆ Evaluate your current situation. Is there room for improvement? Where?
- ◆ Do you have/want an alarm system? What will work best for your life-style, home design, etc.?
- ◆ Install interior and exterior lighting.
- ◆ Use appropriate window coverings.
- ◆ Lock doors and windows.
- ◆ What do you need to know before you answer the door?
- ◆ Practice your plan.

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- ◆ HOMELAND SECURITY
- ◆ HOME AND PROPERTY SECURITY
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- ◆ COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION
- ◆ AUTOMOBILE SAFETY
- ◆ TRAVEL SAFETY
- ◆ INTERNET SECURITY / TELEPHONE / CELL PHONE SECURITY
- ◆ CHILD SAFETY
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BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

HAVE A PLAN...

- ◆ **AWARENESS** IS YOUR KEY TO SECURITY.
- ◆ **INTUITION** IS PART OF YOUR DEFENSE.
- ◆ **LIMITS** – KNOW, PLAN FOR AND ENFORCE YOUR PERSONAL LIMITS!

SECURITY SYSTEMS

- ◆ Your level of awareness determines your level of security.
- ◆ A good neighbor is a good security system!
- ◆ Also good is a dog, but neither is a guarantee of safety.
- ◆ Remember to include landscaping in your security plan.
- ◆ Alarm systems are now reasonable and portable.
- ◆ What is the world's best lock?
- ◆ Lighting should be a part of your security system.

STRANGERS/VISITORS

- ◆ Do not let anyone in your home you do not know!
- ◆ Check the ID of all repair/delivery people **BEFORE** you allow them in your home.
- ◆ Invite a friend to visit when you expect repair people will be in your home.
- ◆ Use your telephone tree to alert your neighbors to strangers in the area.
- ◆ Window coverings should prevent visual access.
- ◆ Have a plan. Know what to do and how to do it. Then have a back-up plan!

LIGHTING

- ◆ Do you have adequate exterior lighting?
- ◆ Can you easily activate perimeter lighting?
- ◆ Does your home look lived in even when you are not there? (Light turning on and off randomly?)

LANDSCAPING

- ◆ Are trees cleared up to 6 feet and bushes trimmed down to 3 feet?
- ◆ Have you considered using crime-prevention plants such as Russian Oak, Pyracantha, and Holly appropriately?
- ◆ Can your doorway be seen from the street or by your neighbors? If not, what provisions have you made in your security plan?
- ◆ When strangers enter your property, are they directed to the front door, or do they wander into private areas of your yard?

LOCKS

- ◆ **Locks, USE THEM!**
- ◆ Keep doors and windows locked, even if you are home.
- ◆ Use quality, case-hardened steel deadbolts on ALL exterior doors, including to the garage.
- ◆ Changed the locks when you move into a new residence.
- ◆ Where is your spare key?