

Target Harden Your Home

There are three things that need to happen for a crime to be committed. First you need the desire to commit the crime. Second the suspect has to have the ability to commit the crime. Third you have to have an opportunity. The desire and ability you can't control, but you can lessen the opportunity. Below are some suggestions to lessen the opportunity.

- Proper lighting and add motion lights to your home.
- Solid core doors and dead bolts and you must use them every time.
- Keep valuables in a safe if possible or in a safety deposit box at your bank.
- Tell neighbor when you are going away. Also give them numbers to contact you in case of an emergency.
- Ask your neighbors to get your mail, newspapers and to shovel snow if needed.
- Don't advertise on social media when you will be gone.
- Have an alarm system if you can afford one or a cheap one that makes a lot of noise.
- A dog is a good deterrent to keep someone out of your home.
- Keep your valuables out of your vehicle when it is parked. Even in your locked garage.