



# CITY OF SANTA CLARA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME ALERT

**Home Break-ins** are usually random and are a crime of opportunity. Follow the crime prevention tips below to protect your home and valuables.

- **ALWAYS lock your home** - 40% of recent break-ins have been through an unlocked door or window. Don't forget to lock side garage doors and rear windows or doors behind fenced areas.
- **Daytime occurrence-** Thieves know most people work during the day, so most break-ins occur during day time hours.
- **Be Alert** - Don't dismiss suspicious persons, vehicles or situations. Report them immediately! Look out for your neighbors. Get to know your neighbors.
- **Inventory property** - Keep a list of serial numbers and a description of valuable items..
- **Use anti-theft devices** - Alarms, dogs, lighting, and defensible plants such as roses and citrus bushes, as they have thorns that are a deterrent to criminals going through windows or climbing fences.
- **Contact the Santa Clara Police Department immediately to report a crime in progress and any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles in your neighborhood.**

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9-1-1 Emergency or Non-Emergency (408) 615-5580