



# Pacifica Police Department

## Home Security Tips

- Immediately report suspicious activity by calling the police department (**650-738-7314**); you know who frequents your neighborhood and who seems out of place; don't be reluctant to call the police, let our officers determine if they have a legitimate purpose in your neighborhood
- Do not enter your home if you suspect a stranger is inside or your home has been burglarized. Go to a safe location and call the police
- Always lock your doors, windows, garage and side gates
- Don't hide a key under a doormat or flower pot; consider a combination lock instead
- Add an alarm system that can be monitored and notify police in the event of a possible burglary, and clearly post signage that an alarm is in use
- Consider surveillance cameras that can record activity and be monitored via internet or a cellphone application; post visible signage that cameras are in use
- Give the appearance your home is occupied; leave on a TV or music, or a vehicle parked in the driveway
- When leaving your home unattended over a few days, have a trusted neighbor watch your home and collect any mail or newspapers
- Place indoor and outdoor lights on a motion sensor or timer
- Don't leave garage door openers or any items of value in plain sight in your vehicle- or items that may *appear* to be of value such as backpacks or empty laptop bags
- If an immediate response is not needed, you can call our Silent Witness Tip Line at **650-359-4444** or submit a tip at [http://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/police/reports/make\\_report.asp](http://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/police/reports/make_report.asp)
- Report unlicensed solicitors; the City of Pacifica requires solicitors to obtain a permit
- Keep records of your valuables (brand, model, serial numbers, and photographs can aid investigators in locating any stolen property)