

RESIDENT ALERT

Due to some recent events, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of some helpful hints regarding safe guarding your home and possessions. There is no substitute for diligence, always be aware of your surroundings, if you see something that looks suspicious don't hesitate to call 911 and report it.

- Burglars are interested in small items that they can grab on the run: laptops, jewelry, coin collections, cash. Don't leave these types of items out in plain sight.
- Don't let strangers into your home, if a door to door salesman comes to your home and he wants to come in, give him a firm but polite "No".
- Install a motion detector or a home security system.
- Place a "Beware of Dog" sign in your yard (whether you have a dog or not).
The last thing a burglar wants is a barking dog alerting the neighbors.
- Place alarm warning stickers on windows and doors (whether you have an alarm or not).
- When away from home put some lights and a TV or radio on timers so that they come on at random times.
- Limit your conversations about vacations and trips, you never know who might be listening.
- Your house should look the same whether you are at home or away. Ask a friend or family member to get your mail, or suspend mail service.
- Have good locks, if your locks can delay a burglar by as little as 5 minutes they are likely to move on.
- Don't hide a door key outside, they will find it, no matter how well you think you have hidden it.
- Leave your porch and patio lights on at night.
- To prevent your sliding glass doors from being compromised you should have some type of device which drops down in the track and prevents the door from being slid open.

For more helpful hints, stop by the clubhouse and pick up "Preventing Home Burglaries" which has been put together by the Deerfield Police Department.