



NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

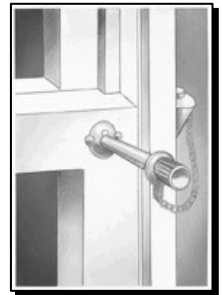
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CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

949-644-3699

HOME SECURITY TIPS

- ❑ Always lock your windows and doors when you go out, even if for only a few minutes.
- ❑ All windows should have a secondary security lock or one of the following:
 - Place a wood or metal stick in all sliding door and window tracks or a security pin (a large nail will also work) through the frame (*see illustration to the right*).
 - All sliding glass doors and windows should also be equipped with anti-lift protection if you are not using a security pin. Anti-lift protection can prevent your door or window from being lifted out of its track.

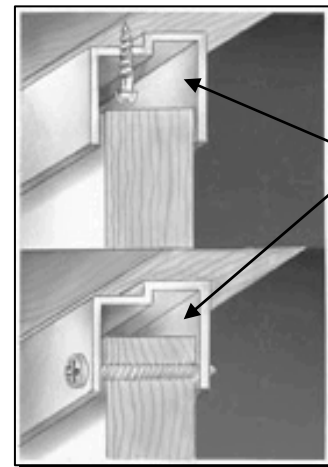


Anti-lift Protection - Install a security pin that slides through both frames securing the window in place or insert a minimum of two screws into the upper track or through the window frame (*see illustration below*).

- ❑ Keep landscaping around your home trimmed down around doorways, windows and light fixtures.
- ❑ Never leave a purse, wallet or other valuables in plain sight.
- ❑ Always keep your front and rear porch lights on from dusk to dawn.
- ❑ Keep all garage doors closed and locked, especially the door leading from the garage into your home. This door should be a solid core and have a deadbolt lock.
- ❑ Make your home appear occupied by using several timers throughout the house to turn lights on and off at various times.

A suspect can easily lift a window out of the track even if the window is locked.

- ❑ You can make your property more difficult to pawn and help law enforcement to identify it as stolen by engraving it with your California Driver's License.
- ❑ Call the Newport Beach Police Department to sign up for a "Vacation Check" and have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up your paper and mail when you travel.



UPPER FRAME

- ❑ Never leave delivery people, construction workers, or repairmen alone in your home. If possible stay in the same room with them while they complete their work.
- ❑ If your house is left unsecured while you are having work done, make sure that all valuables are secured in a safe place. This includes, silverware, collectibles, TV's, stereos, jewelry etc.
- ❑ Always keep your wallet, purse, financial papers, checkbook, and credit cards with you, or secured in a safe place.
- ❑ Consider keeping jewelry and other valuables in a safe deposit box at your bank.
- ❑ Never leave a key hidden outside your home for workers.

If you have further questions on how to secure your home or if you are interested in a FREE Home Security Inspection, please contact the Newport Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at (949) 644-3699.