



## *Be a "Tough Target"*

A vacation, a weekend away from home, or a business trip should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. You can make each trip more enjoyable and enhance your security if you will take a few easy steps to reduce the possibility that your home will be burglarized or vandalized while you're away. You do not want to return to a trashed home and find your valuable property missing or destroyed. A vacant home, or one that appears vacant, is an appealing target to a burglar.

This brochure will provide you with information on how to make your home a "Tough Target." This information will not make your home "burglar proof," but, it can make it more "burglar resistant." Use it as a check list prior to your leaving on that well deserved trip or vacation.

**Crime occurs where the opportunity exists. Remove the opportunity for the criminal to make YOU a victim.**

*Crime Prevention Tips from:*

**The National Crime Prevention Council  
and**



**Laramie COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# GOING AWAY?

*Taking that well  
deserved vacation?*

*Don't leave your home  
an "easy target!"*

## *A Week Before You Leave...*

- ◆ Ask a neighbor to watch your home and provide them with emergency contact information.
- ◆ Arrange to have your mail held at the post office or have a trusted neighbor pick it up daily.
- ◆ Arrange to have your newspaper stopped or picked up by a neighbor.
- ◆ Make arrangements to have the lawn mowed while you're away.



- ◆ Do not hide cash or jewelry in the home. Consider putting valuables in a safe deposit box.
- ◆ Make sure you have secured outside things such as bicycles and lawn items. Unsecured items are easy targets.

## *Just Before Leaving....*

- ◆ Don't advertise your trip.
- ◆ Turn down the ringer volume of your phone so it cannot be heard from outside.
- ◆ Set your electric timer(s) to turn some of your lights on and off during the evening.
- ◆ Unplug all electrical appliances, such as the tv, stereos, computers, toasters, and microwave ovens to prevent damage during electrical storms.
- ◆ Have a friend park a vehicle in your driveway.



- ◆ Lock your garage door with a bar or padlock on the inside track to prevent anyone forcing open the overhead door.
- ◆ Close all windows and sliding doors. Make sure the locks are secure.



- ◆ Make sure the last person out of the house locks the door. Then make a check of the outside of your home to see that all is secure.

*Vacations are for relaxation.  
You can relax even more  
knowing your home is a  
“TOUGH TARGET”*

**Call the Laramie County Sheriff's Office today at (307) 633-4751 and ask for a free confidential Residential Security Survey.**