

The Cape Girardeau Police Department is concerned about your safety and well being. Please feel free to contact the Department if you need assistance. **If you need emergency assistance please call 911.** To contact the Police Department use the following numbers:

**Emergency            911**  
**Routine Business 335-6621, option 1**

In the unfortunate event that you become a victim of a crime please remember the following:

- Remain calm and get to a safe place if the situation demands it.
- Call 911 Immediately.
- Inform the operator if you are injured and need medical attention.
- Are there weapons involved in this incident? Does the suspect have weapons?
- If an attacker only wants your property (i.e. purse, wallet), do not resist – give them the property. Your life and wellbeing is worth more than property.
- Is the suspect still on scene or has he left the area?
- Make note of the suspect's physical characteristics (i.e. clothing, gender, race, build)
- Make note of what occurred in the incident. (i.e. damaged property, assault, property was stolen, etc.)
- Do not touch anything that may be of evidentiary value (the officer may want to seize that item for evidence).
- Remain nearby for the officer's arrival.
- Retrieve a report number for the incident from the officer.
- You should receive an update from the officer as the investigation progresses.

The following checklist provides some tips on increasing your safety in and around your home.

### **Exterior Doors**

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it's just for a few minutes.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### **Garage and Sliding Door Security**

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| The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sliding glass door has a strong, working key locks.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### **Protecting Windows**

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| Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### **Outdoor Security**

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| Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lights are on in the evening—whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Security When Away From Home**

Yes No

At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property**

Yes No

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number approved by local police.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

Elderly Abuse and Neglect .....1-800-392-0210  
 Community Counseling Center .....573-334-1100