



# NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN

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## **BURGLARY PREVENTION**

1. EQUIP YOUR ENTRY DOORS WITH A SINGLE CYLINDER (KEY ON THE OUTSIDE-THUMB TURN ON THE INSIDE) DEADBOLT OR DROP BOLT LOCK.
2. PROTECT YOUR LOCKS WITH A CYLINDER GUARDS AND INTERLOCKING LATCH GUARDS. THESE ITEMS WILL PROTECT YOUR LOCK CYLINDER FROM TAMPERING AND MAKE A PRY BAR ATTACK ON YOUR DOOR FAR MORE DIFFICULT FOR WOULD BE BURGLARS.
3. INSTALL A 190 DEGREE WIDE ANGLE VIEWER (PEEP HOLE) TO IDENTIFY ANYONE WHO KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR. USE THIS VIEWER **BEFORE** YOU OPEN THE DOOR. **REMEMBER** ONCE YOU OPEN YOUR DOOR TO A STRANGER- YOU HAVE LOST THE SECURITY YOUR LOCKING DEVICES PROVIDE.
4. WINDOWS AT STREET LEVEL AND FIRE ESCAPE WINDOWS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH **NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT APPROVED SECURITY GATES**. THESE WINDOW GATES ARE OPERATED WITH A LATCH FROM THE INSIDE AND **NEVER** A PADLOCK OR COMBINATION LOCK.
5. IF WINDOW GUARDS ARE NOT PRESENT, YOU CAN PLACE A PIECE OF WOOD BETWEEN THE UPPER SASH AND LOWER SASH – WITH A SNUG FIT, TO PREVENT THE WINDOW FROM BEING OPENED FROM THE OUTSIDE.
6. THE PERIMETER OF YOUR HOME SHOULD BE WELL LIT AT NIGHT WITH DUSK TO DAWN LIGHT FIXTURES AT ALL ENTRY DOORS AND MOTION SENSING SPOT LIGHTS FOR ALLEYWAYS AND DRIVEWAYS.
7. LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME WITH A CRITICAL EYE AND SEE IF TREES OR HEDGES ARE CREATING A HIDING SPOT FOR CRIMINALS.

**THE 114 PRECINCT PROVIDES FREE SECURITY SURVEYS FOR YOUR HOME OR APARTMENT. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A SECURITY SURVEY CONDUCTED OR IF YOU HAVE ANY CRIME PREVENTION QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE 114 PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT (718) 626-9324**

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