



# Village of Grosse Pointe Shores

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### Residential Safety Recommendations

- Install sturdy doors, door frames and hardware.
- Use deadbolt locks.
- Install a peephole in your door.
- Secure sliding glass doors with a lock or by placing a broomstick or steel rod in the track.
- Always keep your doors locked - even when you're home. Lock front doors when working in a rear yard.
- Install impact-resistant glass on entry doors.
- Use lighting and landscaping to make your home's surroundings unattractive to burglars, vandals, and other criminals.
- Position outdoor lights carefully. Put them out of reach so bulbs can't be easily broken or unscrewed. Aim lights at garage and shed doors, entryways and ground level windows.
- Consider motion sensor floodlights and photoelectric lights that automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn.
- Keep plants trimmed - overgrown bushes can cover windows and doorways, giving burglars a hiding place.
- Install and activate an alarm and video system. It can offer extra protection, especially for people who live alone, are away often or have lots of valuables. Please remember however - alarms can give you a false sense of security. They are meant to be used with other security measures, not in place of them.
- Put away machinery, ladders and tools. Don't leave them where they could be stolen - or used to gain entry into your home and lock garages and sheds.
- Don't automatically open your door when someone knocks. Use your peephole. Ask service people to slip their identification under the door or call their office to double-check.
- If someone comes to your door and when you answer, they say they have the wrong address, call the police. It's likely that your home might have been targeted for a burglary.
- Be an alert neighbor. If you see a stranger at a neighbor's door, on their property, or if you see a vehicle you don't recognize backed up in a neighbor's driveway, don't hesitate and call the police immediately. Do not approach the subjects.
- Take extra precautions when you're on vacation. Make your home look lived in. Have a friend or neighbor pick up mail and newspapers daily. Put interior lights on randomly alternating timers.