Visit www.ukiahpolice.com to see the crime prevention flyer related to the Home Security Survey for more information.

Thanks to the Crime Prevention People (iscpp.org) for sharing this excellent information. These guidelines are intended for use when assisting community members with crime prevention matters related to their concerns. As always, recommendations should be applied however appropriate for the circumstances and can be enhanced or reduced depending upon need. Seeking input from industry professionals for specific knowledge can help in the decision-making process.

Visit Our Website

There's lots of great information at www.ukiahpolice.com. Check it out!



Share Your Thoughts

The Ukiah Police Department's mission is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you have any suggestions or comments about how we can improve, please complete our online survey.

If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button at www.ukiahpolice.com. You can also leave crime tips on our website.

What Number Do I Call?

Emergency 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 for any life-threatening emergency or crime in progress.

Non-Emergency (707) 463-6262 Online Crime Report: ukiahpolice.com

Business Office (707) 463-6241 Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



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Keep Your Home Safe: Plan Ahead

10 Things You Need to Know About Home Safety



10 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE

1. ALWAYS HAVE A VERBAL RESPONSE TO ANY KNOCK

Avoid giving the impression that the residence is unoccupied. This may be a ploy of the home invader or a burglar to decide if you are home or not. Teach your children what to say so they do not give the impression they are home alone. Know in advance what your response should be and practice it with other family members.

2. KEEP AN EYE ON PEOPLE YOU TURN AWAY AND WHAT THEY DO NEXT

Report anyone who lingers, tries to get a neighbor to open their door, or otherwise acts suspiciously. They may have left your front door, but they are still a concern to others. Call the police if necessary and ask that this individual be checked out. Call UPD's non-emergency number to report suspicious activity.



3. IN A GATED COMMUNITY, TAKE AS MANY PRECAUTIONS AS YOU WOULD IF THE GATE WERE NOT THERE

If someone calls your home from the gate and creates a reason to be let into the neighborhood, do not let them in if you cannot verify who and why.

4. BE SUSPICIOUS OF UNEXPECTED KNOCKS

If you are not expecting anyone, a service call or otherwise, do not open the door without asking questions and verifying the call.

5. BE AWARE OF PLOYS SUCH AS FAKE EMERGENCIES, FAKE DELIVERIES, ETC.

Know that the person knocking may have a practiced or rehearsed message and it may sound legitimate. Be just as cautious if the knocker is a woman or a young adult.

6. USE YOUR VIEWING METHODS TO HELP VERIFY

Peep holes, nearby windows, vantage points from other rooms may be used to see who is knocking. Enhanced peep holes of a larger diameter are recommended, such as a door scope.

7. DO NOT FEEL PRESSURED OR FORCED TO OPEN YOUR DOOR

You have the ability to allow those into your home that you know and trust. All others are not welcome—or worth the risk!

8. CONSIDER A HIGH QUALITY SECURITY SCREEN DOOR OR ENCLOSED PORCH/ENTRY WAY TO MAINTAIN A BARRIER BETWEEN YOU AND THE DOOR KNOCKER

This is especially helpful if the door is opened without verifying because there will still be some protection between you and the other person.

9. INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SECURITY LIGHTING FOR THE PERIMETER OF YOUR HOME

Lighting choices vary and additional lighting around your property is a proactive deterrent.

10. SCHEDULE A HOME SECURITY CHECK WITH UPD'S CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST

To learn more about how to make your home secure, request a free security check.