



INTRUDER TIPS

- *WHEN LEAVING HOME, ARRANGE FOR A TRUSTED FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR TO REMOVE HANDBILLS FROM THE DOOR AND TO PICK UP MAIL AND NEWSPAPERS. PUT LIGHTS AND TV ON TIMERS. BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE HEARD THIS? HOW MANY ACTUALLY DO IT?*
- *PLACE SECONDARY LOCKS, AND ALARMS ON ALL WINDOWS. YOU CAN FIND SEVERAL CRIME PREVENTION TOOLS ON-LINE OR AT ANY HARDWARE STORE. AN ALARM IS RECOMMENDED FOR TOOL SHEDS. CONNECT THE POWER TOOLS SO THAT IT WILL MAKE NOISE IF SOMEONE ATTEMPTS TO TAKE*
- *THE BEST PLAN IS TO HAVE A HOUSE SITTER OR ASK A NEIGHBOR TO PARK ONE OF THEIR VEHICLES IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME WHILE YOU ARE AWAY. MOST PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO ASK A NEIGHBOR FOR HELP, WHEN ACTUALLY THEY ARE RELIEVED YOU TOOK THE INITIATIVE. THEY KNOW YOU CAN RETURN THE FAVOR.*
- *"SUMMERIZE" THE HOME, BY HAVING SOMEONE STAND OUTSIDE AND NEAR THE DOORS AND WINDOWS AT NIGHT. WHILE YOU ARE INSIDE. CAN YOU SEE THEM? THEN WALK OUTSIDE TO THE STREET. CAN YOU SEE THEM? IF YOU CAN'T, THE POLICE CAN'T EITHER. IF NOT, YOU MAY NEED TO TRIM TREES AND SHRUBS AND ADD MORE LIGHTING.*
- *WHILE SLEEPING, KEEP THE INSIDE DARK AND THE **OUTSIDE** OF YOUR HOME **WELL LIT**. THAT WAY, YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OVER AN INTRUDER. YOU CAN SEE THEM, BUT THEY CAN'T SEE YOU!*
- *KEEP A FLASHLIGHT AND CELL PHONE NEAR YOUR BED. IF YOU HAVE TO GET UP DURING THE NIGHT, YOU HAVE LIGHT AND IF YOU HAD TO FIGHT OFF AN ATTACKER, YOUR FLASHLIGHT COULD BE USED AS A CLUB.*

- *IF YOU HEAR SOMEONE BREAKING IN, RESPOND TO THE SITUATION AS IF YOUR HOME WAS ON FIRE. LEAVE IT! GRAB THE CELL PHONE AND CLIMB OUT A WINDOW, IF YOU CAN'T GET TO THE DOOR. CALL 911. LET THE OPERATOR KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WEARING, SO THAT OFFICERS DON'T MISTAKE YOU FOR THE INTRUDER.*

