

SARATOGA

TOP 25

SAFETY TIPS ^{v5}

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“SARATOGA’s RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES DROPPED BY 47% FROM 2016 to 2017 THANKS TO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS, SAFETY DETERRENENTS and BEST PRACTICES. PLEASE READ THESE SAFETY TIPS AND APPLY A FEW OF THESE SHERIFF WHETTED DETERRENENTS TO BETTER PROTECT YOUR HOME. YES, SARATOGA IS SAFE! BUT TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE SARATOGA EVEN SAFER. Councilmember Rishi Kumar, Saratoga

OUR TOP SAFETY CONCERNS

- BURGLARIES
- IDENTITY THEFTS
- CHECK FORGERY/ FRAUD
- MAILBOX THEFT
- VEHICLE BURGLARY
- PHISHING



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#1 DETERRENENTS: THE SAFETY SECRET SAUCE
DO NOT MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM TO TARGET YOUR HOME. GET A DOG, A DOOR BELL VIDEO CAM, SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS, AN ALARM SYSTEM, AND LOCK YOUR FENCE GATES

#2 LOCK 'EM UP
INSTALL A LOCKING MAIL BOX. DEADBOLTS ARE REQUIRED ON YOUR FRONT DOOR/ GARAGE SIDE DOOR. LOCK YOUR ELECTRICAL PANELS

#3 WHAT ABOUT BOB? BOB IS ALWAYS HOME
MAKE YOUR HOME LOOK "OCCUPIED". PLAY MUSIC OR LEAVE THE TV ON. YARD LIGHTS AND INDOORS LIGHTS TURN AUTOMAGICALLY ON AT DUSK. CAR PARKED ON DRIVEWAY IS GOOD. NEWSPAPERS PILED ON YOUR DRIVEWAY? BAD!

#4 FORT KNOX?
MANY BREAK-INS OCCUR DUE TO UNLOCKED DOORS/ WINDOWS ON WARM DAYS. SO LOCK 'EM! ARM YOUR ALARM SYSTEMS BY HABIT . KEYS UNDER YOUR MAT IS SO OLD SCHOOL - WHY DO IT?

#5 KNOW THY NEIGHBOR
GO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS TODAY! A CONNECTED NEIGHBORHOOD IS A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD. ORGANIZE A BLOCK PARTY

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#6 RELAXING VACATION!

LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW. CALL THE SHERIFF FOR VACATION PATROL @408 868 6600. STOP MAIL, NEWSPAPER, YOUR RECYCLING BINS IN AND OUT. DON'T POST PICS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

#7 SMILE, YOU ARE ON...

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS ALL AROUND YOUR HOME: BACKYARD AND SIDE YARDS. POINTING TO YOUR GARAGE, EVEN MAILBOX

#8 CHECKS IN THE MAIL

DO NOT LEAVE IMPORTANT ENVELOPES, CHECKS IN YOUR MAIL BOX WITH THE FLAG RAISED. FOLKS CASING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WILL GRAB IT

#9 MAN'S BEST FRIEND

A FEROCIOUS BARKING DOG IS THE #1 DETERRENT. DON'T HAVE A DOG? BUY A BOX THAT BARKS LIKE A DOG. FOOL THEM!

#10 FLAUNT THE SIGNS

"BEWARE OF THE DOG" "THIS HOME HAS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE" "THIS HOME MONITORED 24X7"

#11 IRS WANTS \$5000 IN TARGET GIFT CARDS?

IGNORE PRANK IRS CALLS. IRS WILL NEVER MAKE THREATENING PHONE CALLS

#12 A SAFE IS THE MOST UNSAFE PLACE

JEWELLERY SHOULD BE IN THE BANK LOCKER - NOT IN YOUR SAFE. IN PUBLIC PLACES COVER UP YOUR EXPENSIVE JEWELLERY

#13 TO HAVE OR NOT...

WITH AN ALARM SYSTEM THEY LEAVE WITHIN A FEW MINUTES. WITHOUT? THEY PLUNK DOWN ON YOUR LUXURY SOFA AND WINE. MUST HAVE: SHOCK SENSOR/ GLASS BREAKAGE SENSOR

#14 UTILITY WORKER AT YOUR DOOR?

DO NOT LET STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOUSE OR YARD. DO NOT BE DISTRACTED BY SWEET TALK

#15 SECURITY GURUS CAN HELP YOU FOR NO CHARGE

GET A FREE SAFETY ASSESSMENT DONE. CALL THE SHERIFF AT 408 868 6600 OR EMAIL WVADMIN@SHERIFF.SCCGOV.ORG

#16 GUY AT YOUR DOOR SELLING YOU A PONY?

CALL THE SHERIFF. SOLICITORS SHOULD CARRY A CITY OF SARATOGA PERMIT. BUT DON'T LET STRANGERS WALK YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. REPORT THEM!

#17 MY PRECIOUS...

BACKUP YOUR FAMILY VIDEOS (CLOUD/NAS). ALWAYS HAVE A COPY OUTSIDE THE HOME. SCAN YOUR IMPORTANT DOCS AND SECURE THEM

#18 THE BIG CREDIT FREEZE (CAN HELP)

PREVENT IDENTITY THEFTS: FREEZE AND LOCK YOUR CREDIT FILE BY CALLING EXPERIAN, TRANSUNION AND EQUIFAX

#19 SLEEPLESS IN SARATOGA?

YOU WILL SLEEP BETTER WITH HOME MONITORING SYSTEM ARMED. A FEW BREAK-INS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

#20 TRACK YOUR MAIL

SIGN UP FOR USPS INFORMED DELIVERY. GET AN EMAIL EVERY MORNING WITH IMAGES OF YOUR EXPECTED MAIL. A FREE SERVICE

#21 LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

MOTION SENSOR LIGHTS AROUND YOUR PROPERTY ARE GOOD. YARD LIGHTS ARE GOOD TOO.

#22 BOILING THE OCEAN? NOT FUN!

DO NOT CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS-PARALYSIS. PICK A FEW SAFETY PRODUCTS THAT ARE EASY TO DEPLOY. THE PERFECT PRODUCT IS WITH THE MARTIANS. YOU GOTTA ACT NOW, NOT PLAN A MARS TRIP

#23 CAR DATACENTER?

DO NOT EVER LEAVE A LAPTOP OR A PURSE OR A LAPTOP BAG OR ANY BAG VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR OR IN TRUNK. DO NOT DISPLAY A GARAGE DOOR OPENER

#24 LET US PLAY THE KNOCK, KNOCK GAME

ALWAYS RESPOND TO A KNOCK BY MAKING YOUR PRESENCE FELT EVEN IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY TO ENTERTAIN.

#25 STRANGERS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

CALL THE **SHERIFF**
NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER IS 408 299 2311
EMERGENCY NUMBER IS 911
or 408 299 3233
ENROLL IN ALERT SCC

GET CERT TRAINED. EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD HAVE AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LEADER. VISIT <http://saratogacert.org/> info@saratogacert.org