

Do you hide your valuables in one of these popular hiding places?

Dresser drawer



Bedroom Closet



Freezer



Guess what: Those are some of the first places a crook will look.

TIMING

Every 14.6 seconds, a burglary takes place in the U.S.

Most burglaries occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Burglars spend an average of 8 to 12 minutes in your home.



WHERE THIEVES GAIN ENTRY

TARGETS

65.8% of burglaries are residential.



Homes without security systems are about three times as likely to be broken into than homes with security systems.

First stop: Usually the master bedroom because most people keep their valuables there.

Favorite items: Cash, jewelry, electronic equipment, silver, guns and other items easy to sell.

Average loss per burglary: \$1,725.*

Back door

22%

Unlocked entrances and storage areas

2%

Second floor

23%

First-floor windows

9% Garage

Basement 4%

6%

34%

Front door

The typical house burglar is a male teenager who lives within a couple of miles of your home. The chance of being victimized by a professional thief is low.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Burglars search for homes that appear to be unoccupied. A car in the driveway, motion-sensitive exterior lights, interior lights, and radios and TVs on timers all give the impression that someone is in the home. Stop newspaper and mail delivery, and have neighbors watch your home.

Burglars want to spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into a home. Measures that raise this time — deadbolt locks, bars on windows, and pins in sash windows — might change a burglar's mind.

Don't give burglars any help. Clear shrubs and trees around your home. Don't give burglars a place to hide. Secure tool sheds and ladders. Some thieves will steal tools from around your property and use them to break windows and doors.