

HEAT WAVE, CRIME WAVE

According to the FBI, property crimes including burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft can rise by as much as 9 percent between May and September – the highest percentage in the calendar year. Signal 88 Security recommends securing three areas of your home to keep yourself and your property safe this season.



Inside Your Residence

- Install dead-bolt locks on all outside doors, and make sure they do not require a key to unlock them from the inside.
- Install peepholes on your outside doors so you don't have to open them to see who's on the other side.
- If your outside door has window panels on the side, cover them with blinds or curtains.
- Keep your blinds or curtains closed when you're not home, especially on your main or ground-level floor.
- If you have a sliding glass door, consider adding a defense other than the standard lock, such as blocking the track or installing a protective film that prevents the glass door from being smashed in.

Outside Your Residence

- Trim bushes and maintain landscaping to avoid creating unwanted hiding places for would-be intruders.
- The exterior of your property should be well lit. Consider installing motion detector lights.
- Be on the lookout for graffiti tags and vandalism, and fix it as soon as it happens.
- Report suspicious activity to your property manager, HOA or local law enforcement.

Where You Park

- Always lock your vehicle, roll up windows and keep valuables out of sight, no matter where you park.
- In any parking lot, park under a light, if possible.
- If you have a garage door, always close it.
- Lock the door from your garage to your home, and remove your garage door opener from your car if you need to park outside overnight.

Your neighborhood or apartment complex might also consider installing security cameras or implementing a security patrol. For more details or to watch an informational video on increasing the security of your property during the summer months, visit www.signal88.com/HomeSafety.



www.signal88.com
877.498.8494

© 2014 Signal 88 Security
Each Signal 88 franchise is independently
owned and operated.